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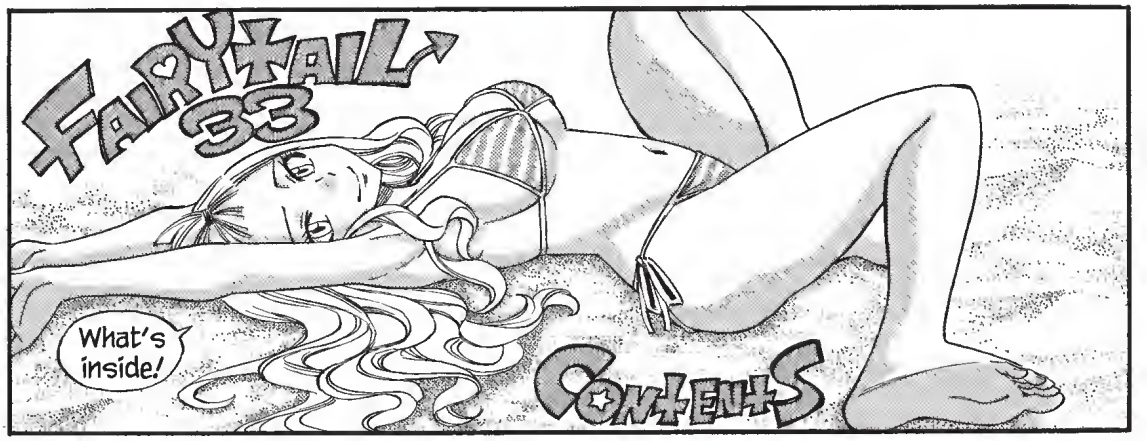

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Grand Magic Games: First Day Results

Competition Section

1. Saber Tooth
2. Raven Tail
3. Lamia Scale
4. Blue Pegasus
5. Mermaid Heel
6. Quatro Cerberus
7. Fairy Tail B
8. Fairy Tail A

Battle Section

FTA RT
☐ Lucy vs. Flare ☒

BP HM
☒ Ren vs. Araña ☐

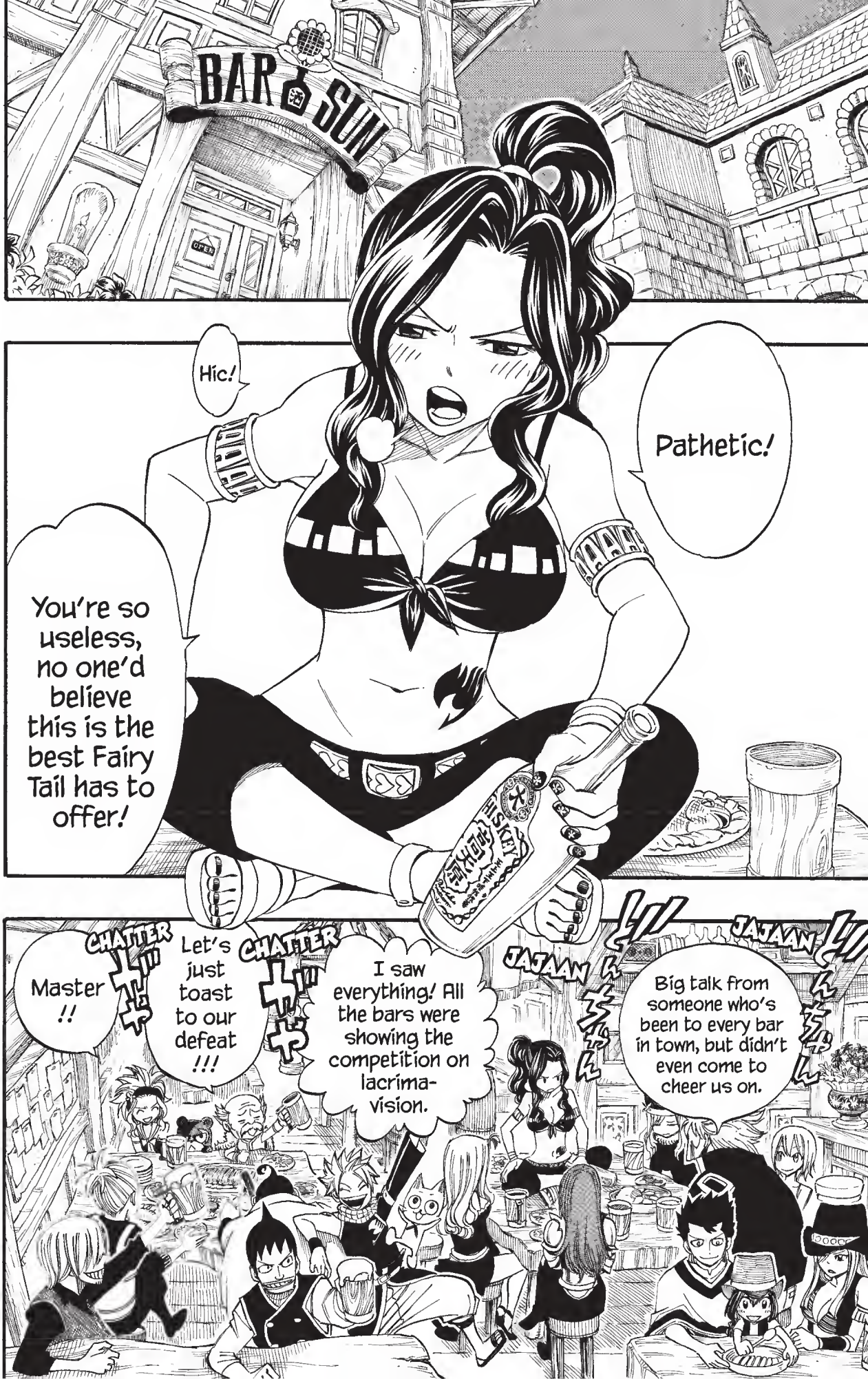
QC ST
☐ Warcry vs. Olga ☒

FTB LS
☐ Mystogan vs. Jura ☒

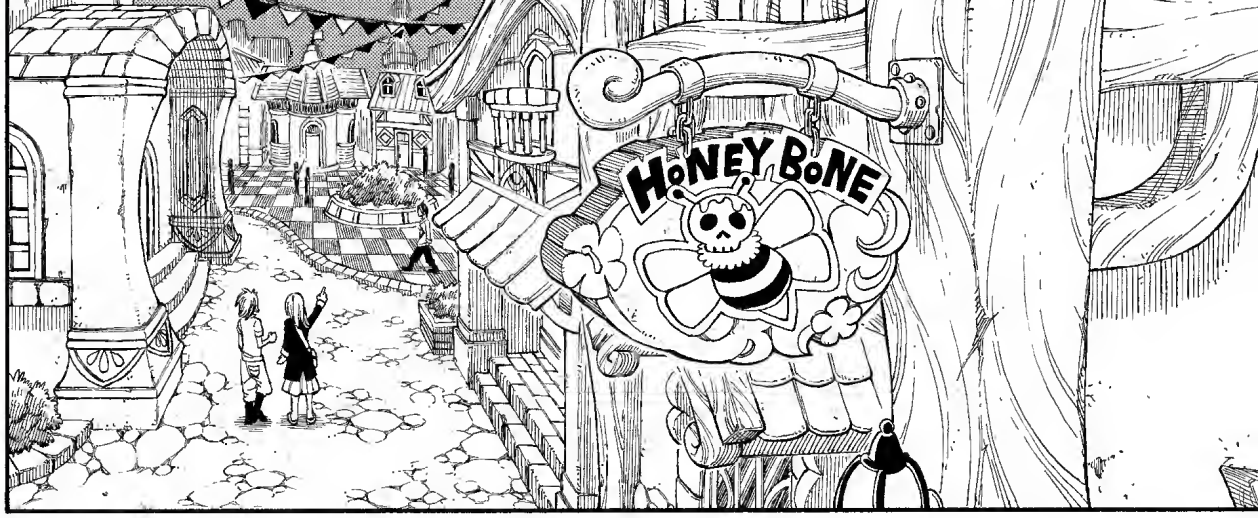
Point Ranking

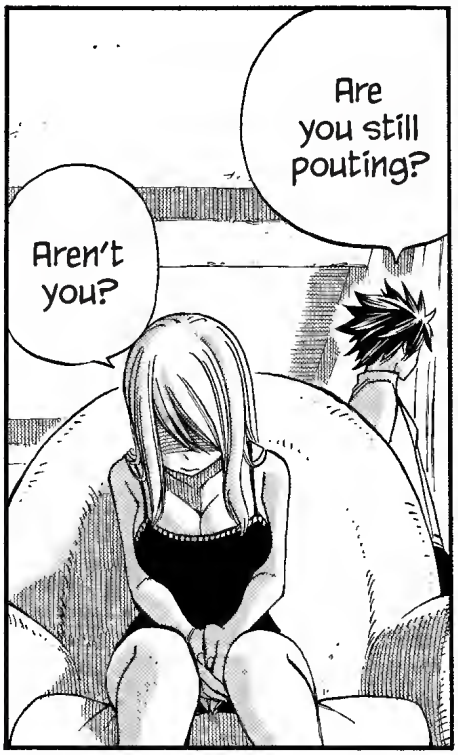
1. Saber Tooth	20P
2. Raven Tail	18P
3. Lamia Scale	16P
4. Blue Pegasus	14P
5. Mermaid Heel	3P
6. Quatro Cerberus	2P
7. Fairy Tail B	1P
8. Fairy Tail A	0P

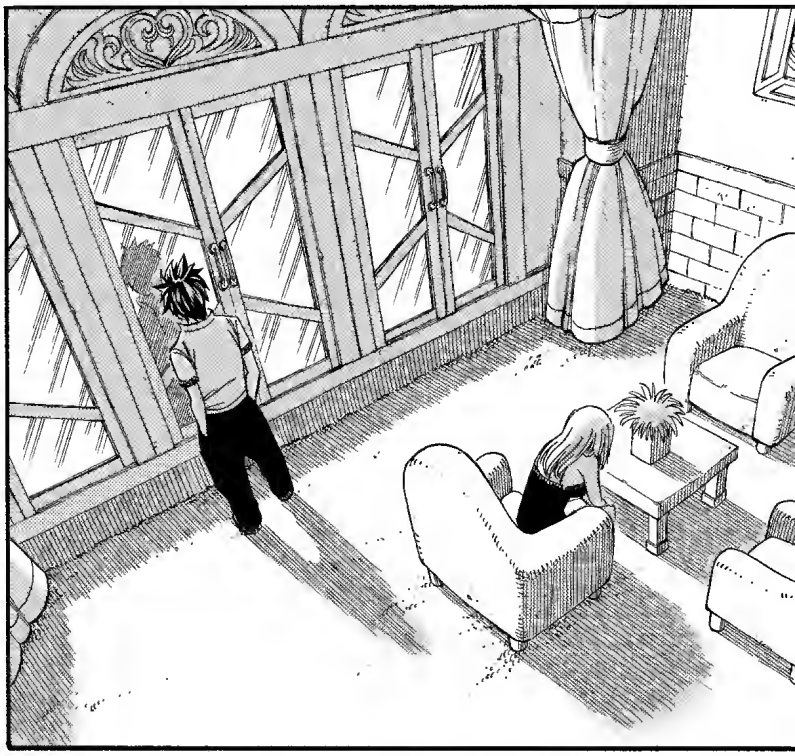
Chapter 275: Drunken Hawk

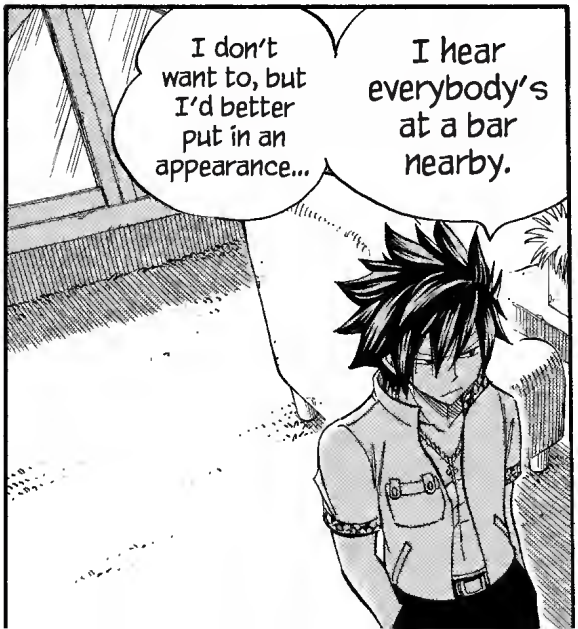

BAR SUN
OPEN
Hic!
Pathetic!
You're so useless, no one'd believe this is the best Fairy Tail has to offer!
SKEY
Master !!
CHATTER
Let's just toast to our defeat !!!
CHATTER
I saw everything! All the bars were showing the competition on lacrima-vision.
JAJAAN
Big talk from someone who's been to every bar in town, but didn't even come to cheer us on.
JAJAAN

Go to it, Natsu!!
It'll be my turn to compete tomorrow!! And I'm going to turn this around and make us winners again!!
It was a tough day, wasn't it?
True. Let's both give it our best tomorrow.
Huh? Lu-chan and Gray aren't here?
Come to think of it, I haven't seen them.
Yes, it is time for you to show everyone the fruits of your training.
Oh? If Salamander is competing, then I will, too!
Gray-sama ...
Well, both of them suffered pretty bad losses.
I'm sure it's tough to show their faces in front of everybody.
Really? I think they both looked really cool!


HONEY BONE

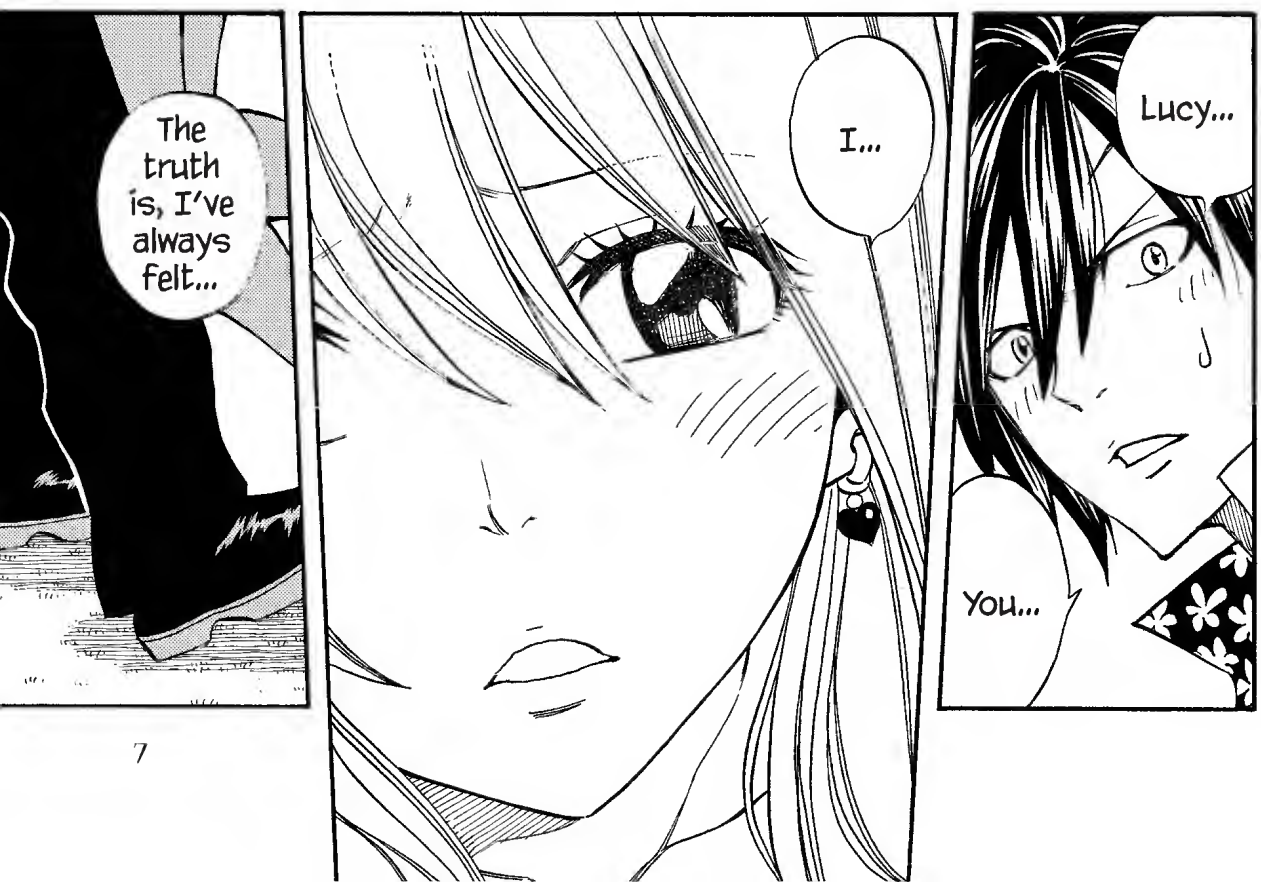

Are you still pouting?
Aren't you?



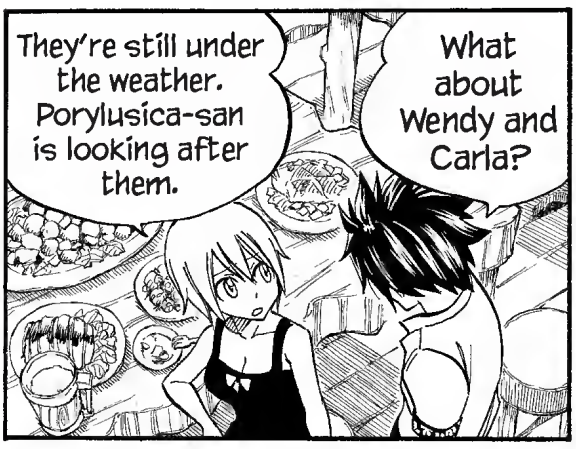

I don't want to, but I'd better put in an appearance...
I hear everybody's at a bar nearby.

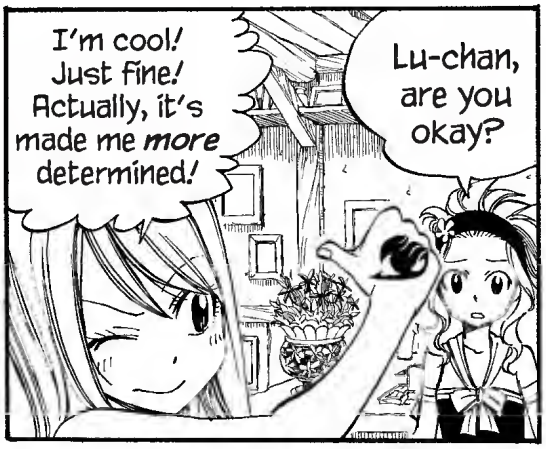
GRIMP

Don't leave me alone.

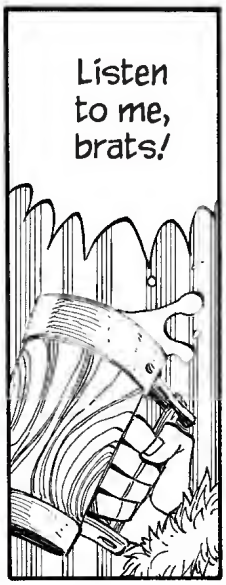

The truth is, I've always felt...
I...
Lucy...
You...

She let her imagination run wild again.
And it ran FOREVER!
I'm not.
HOW COULD GRAY DO THAT TO ME?!!
I love you, Gray!
Stop it! What about Juvia...?!


They're still under the weather. Porylusica-san is looking after them.
What about Wendy and Carla?


I'm cool! Just fine! Actually, it's made me *more* determined!
Lu-chan, are you okay?

We are going to change today's failures into tomorrow's victories !!!!
We're going to climb out of this, right?!!!


Listen to me, brats!

Good! We're all here!
YEAH!!!

YEAH!!
Because the word "surrender" has no meaning for us !!!!
Let's aim for No. 1 in Fiore !!!!
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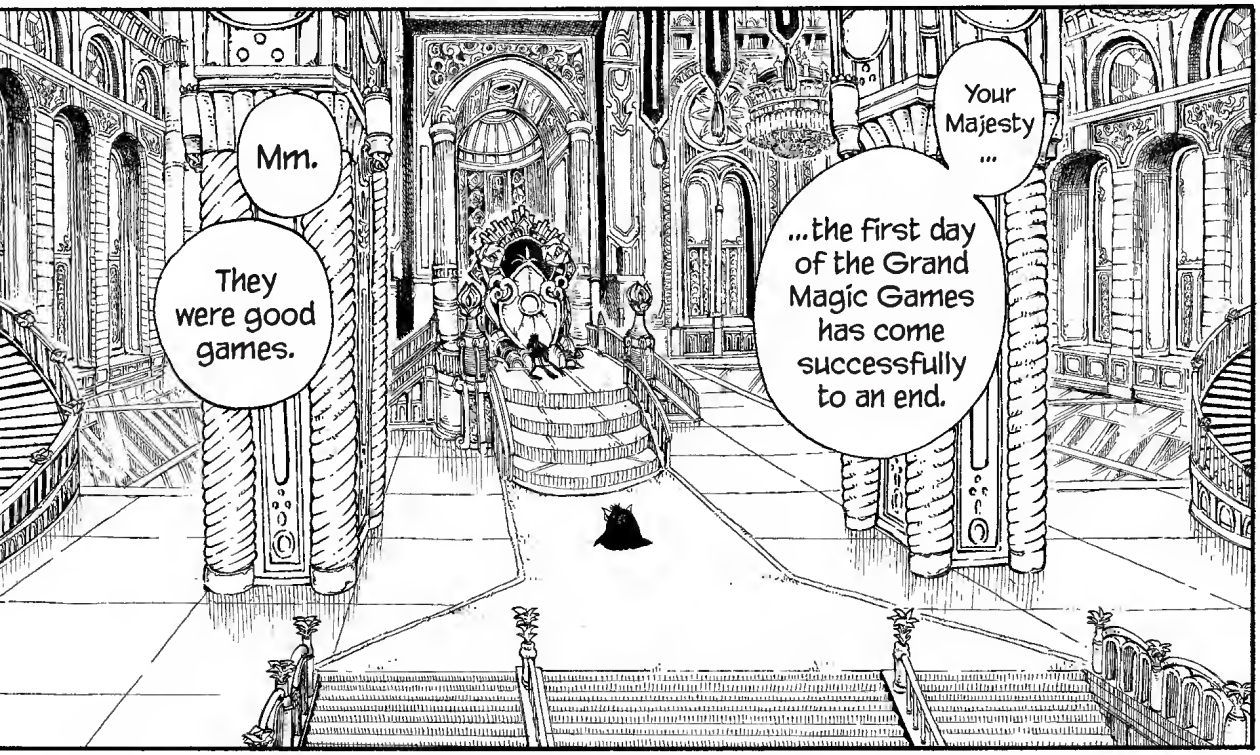
CHATTER CHATTER
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
BAR
SUN
GONGCHALANG
KANGCHALANG
Sure are noisy.
Is this... *really* the guild that lost every match today?
JANGAJANG
JANGAJANG

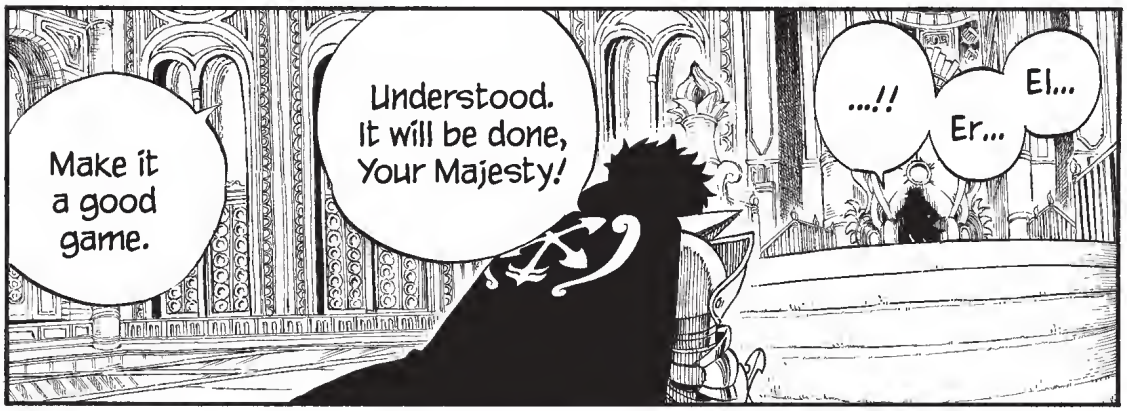

Your Majesty ...
...the first day of the Grand Magic Games has come successfully to an end.
Mm.
They were good games.

Let's see... We'd like to see Sting and Rogue in battle, but we think we will put off such pleasures until later.

Would you have any requests for the battles on the second day?

Which team would you like him to face?
What about that one... the one who transforms, from Fairy Tail? You know!!
Don't remember the name.

Ah, Bacchus! We wish to see Bacchus.
Make sure Bacchus is involved.


Understood. It will be done, Your Majesty!
Make it a good game.
...!!
Er...
El...

KACHANK
KACHANK

KREEEK

If you have no other preferences, then I should ...
You have earned a rest.
Yes, good work, Chevalier Captain.

Rest, Your Majesty? No time for that!
Soon everything will be complete!

Ha ha ha...

CLAMOR
CLAMOR
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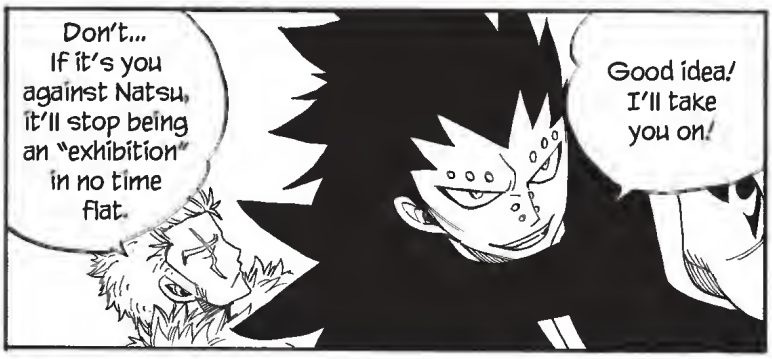
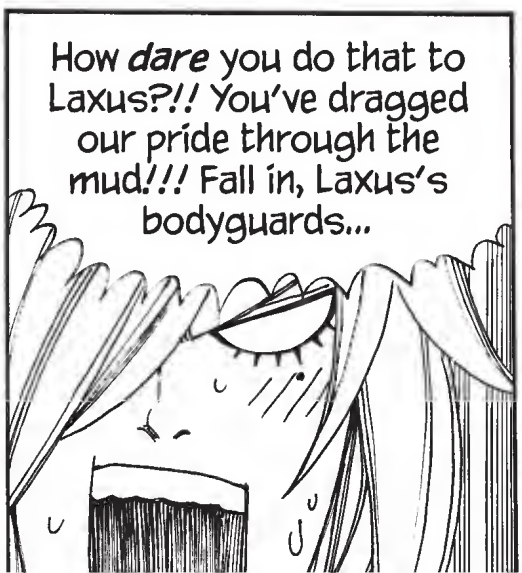
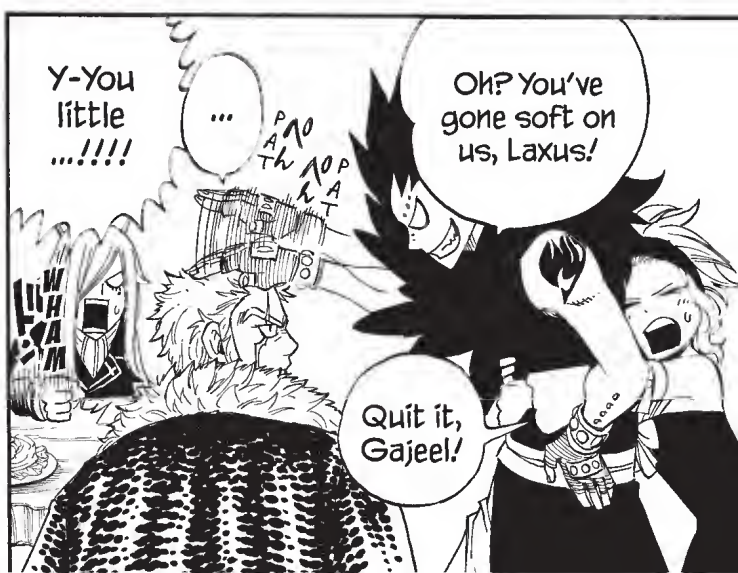
BAR SUN

So who's next?!!! Come at me!!!! Let's have an exhibition match!!!!
Good, Natsu!
Max, you stink!


Don't... If it's you against Natsu, it'll stop being an "exhibition" in no time flat.
Good idea! I'll take you on!

What about *our* standing in the guild...?
How'd he get so much better in only three months?


How *dare* you do that to Laxus?!! You've dragged our pride through the mud!!! Fall in, Laxus's bodyguards...


Y-You little ...!!!!
...
Oh? You've gone soft on us, Laxus!
Quit it, Gajeel!

Huh?
Sister, you look pretty strong.
Pathetic!
I'm wasted ...
OOGH
... Raijin Tribe !!!
THWAK
Wanna face off against me?
That lady there is a monster!
Hey!! Whoever you are, give it up!
You wanna drink against me?
AAAA
Oh?
I dunno who you are, but...
SKRRT

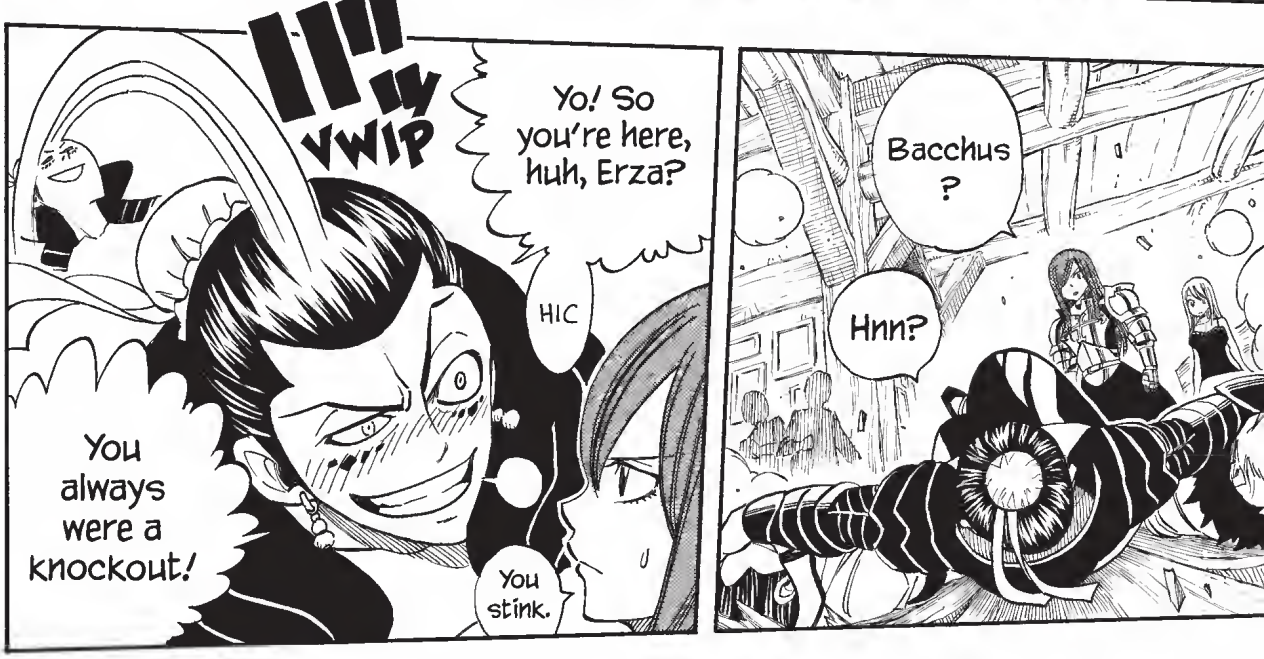
GULP
NO WAY !!!!
KERWHUMP!

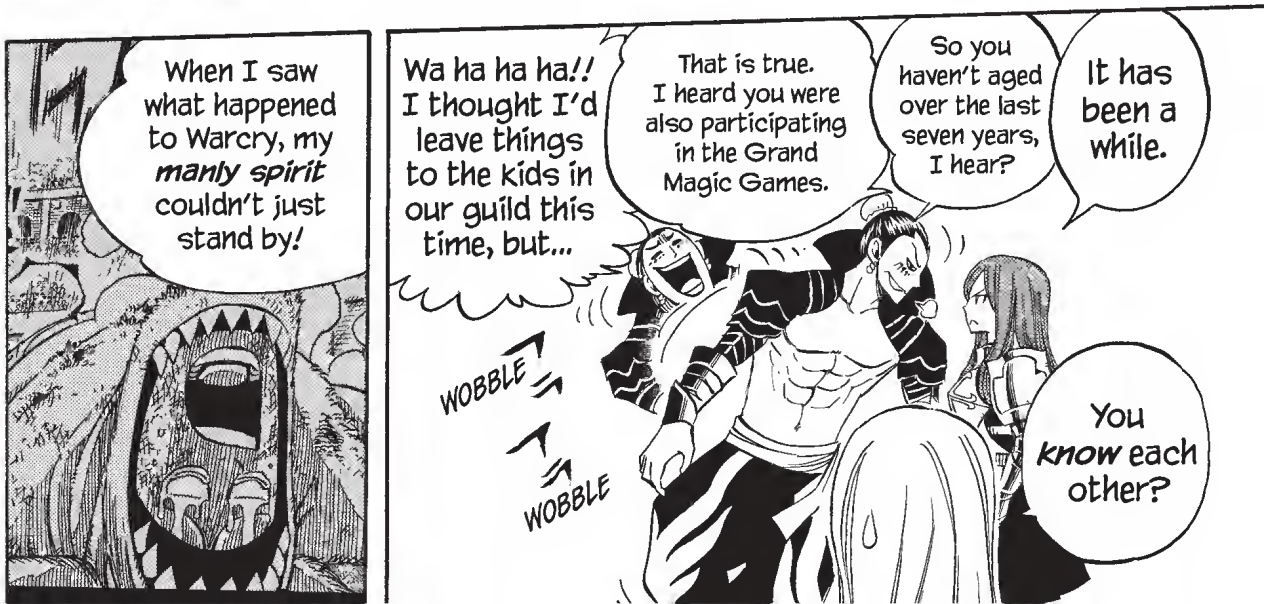
First time I've ever seen Cana go down!
Cana lost a drinking match?
Are you serious ?!

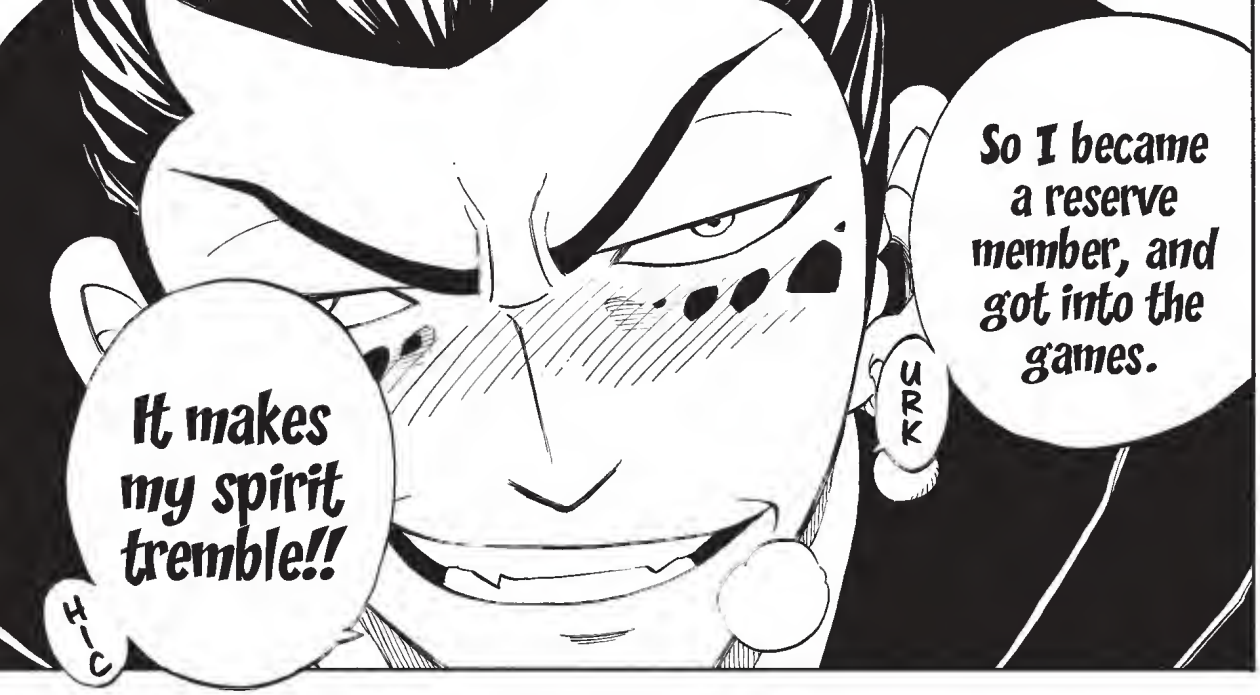
BUURRP
Ah ha ha ha ha ha!

We can't let him mock our guild!
Let's get it back!!
What're you doing, you creep?!
Gildarts is gonna kill you!
HIK
WA-HA-HA-HA
わはは
I'm taking this as my prize!
WOBBLE
フラフラ
SWISH
NGUH!
Hic!
GAHH!
KEEN

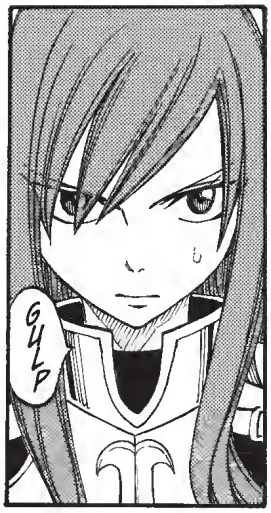
What's with this guy?!!
Dad !!
...!!!
WHAM


Yo! So you're here, huh, Erza?
HIC
You stink.
You always were a knockout!
VWIP
Bacchus ?
Hnn?


When I saw what happened to Warcry, my manly spirit couldn't just stand by!
Wa ha ha ha!! I thought I'd leave things to the kids in our guild this time, but...
That is true. I heard you were also participating in the Grand Magic Games.
So you haven't aged over the last seven years, I hear?
It has been a while.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
You know each other?


So I became a reserve member, and got into the games.
URK
It makes my spirit tremble!!
H-C

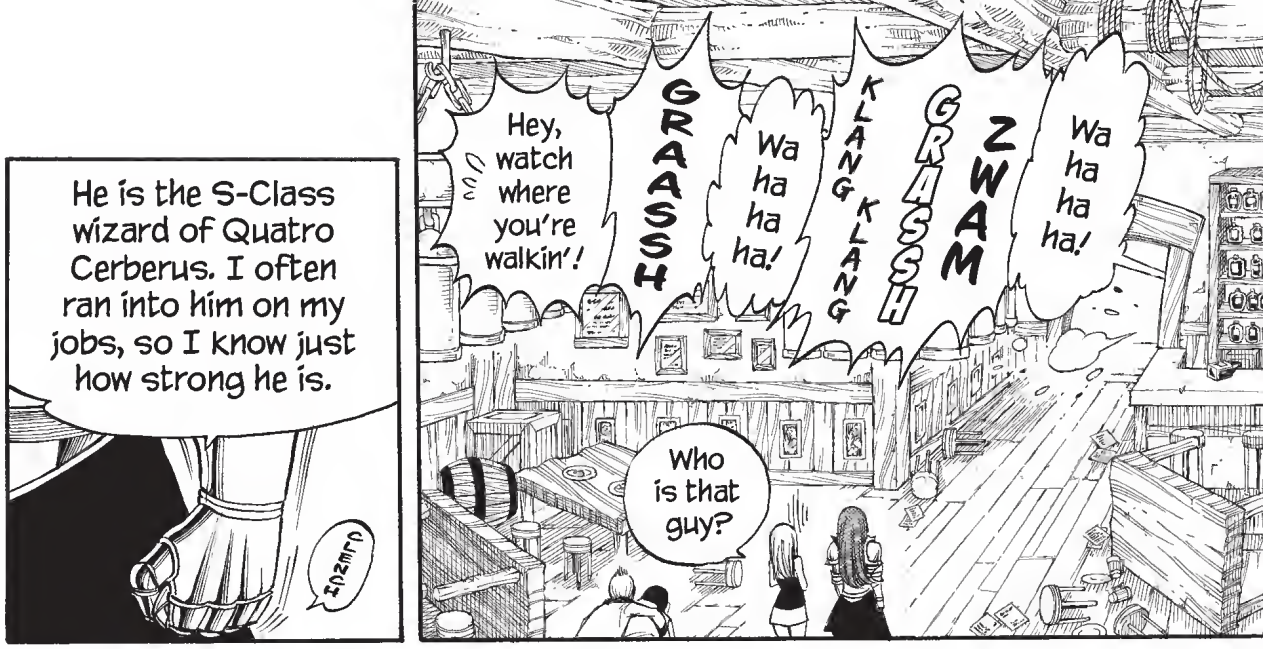
If we meet on the field...
...I'd like a final showdown.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

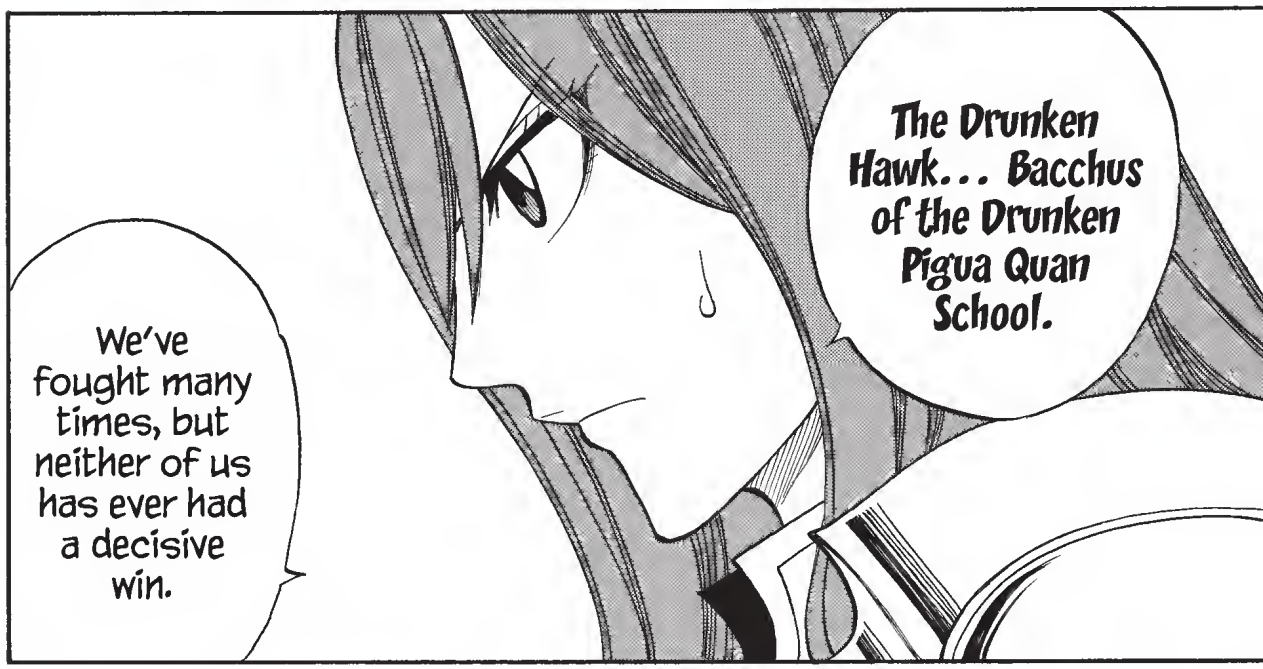

GULP

You gotta give that more umph, Erza!
WAHAHAHAHA!!!

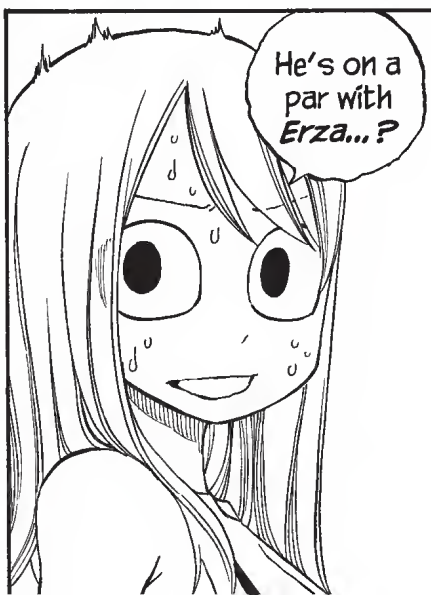
...
Fwoo...?

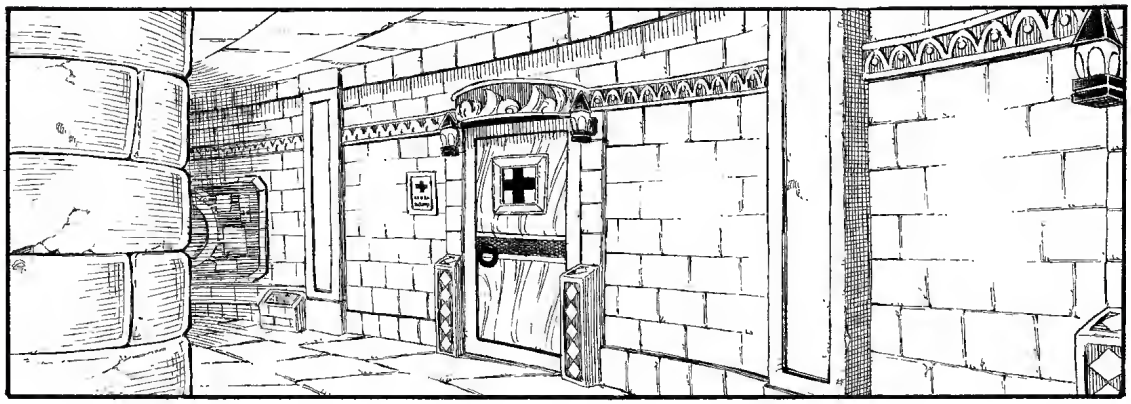
TWI-L-R
くるっ
My spirit is always...
...Wiiiiiiid!

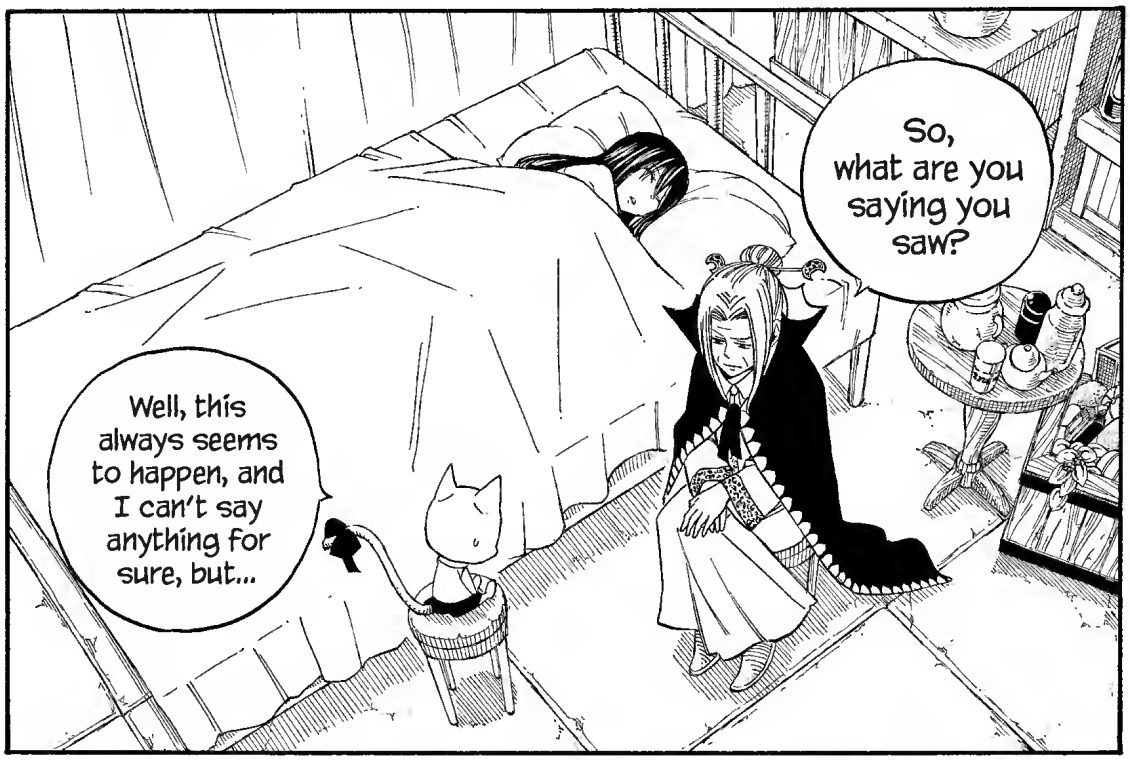

He is the S-Class wizard of Quatro Cerberus. I often ran into him on my jobs, so I know just how strong he is.
IZNARD
Hey, watch where you're walkin'!
GRAASSH
Wa ha ha ha!
KLANG KLANG
ZWAM
GRAASSH
Wa ha ha ha!
Who is that guy?


We've fought many times, but neither of us has ever had a decisive win.
The Drunken Hawk... Bacchus of the Drunken Pigua Quan School.

He's assuming that he's going to battle you?
He fan faigh me anyfime!
What? That's ancient history, right? Ain't no way Erza would lose now!

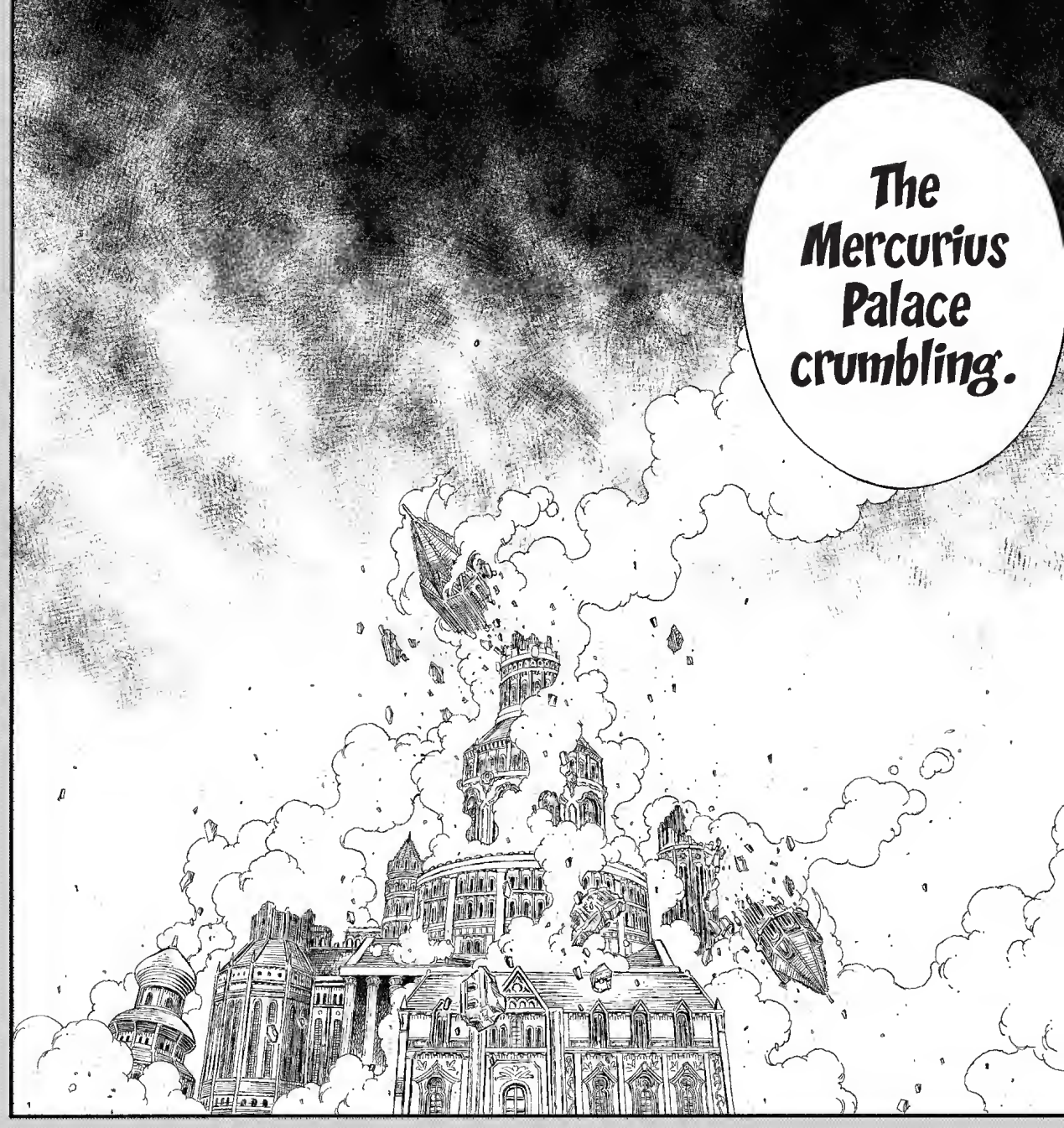

He's on a par with Erza...?




So, what are you saying you saw?
Well, this always seems to happen, and I can't say anything for sure, but...

Aside from that?
An unbelievable sight.
What do you mean?

A white knight ...
...and a huge magic pattern.


The Mercurius Palace crumbling.

Lucy.
And, singing amid the ruins...

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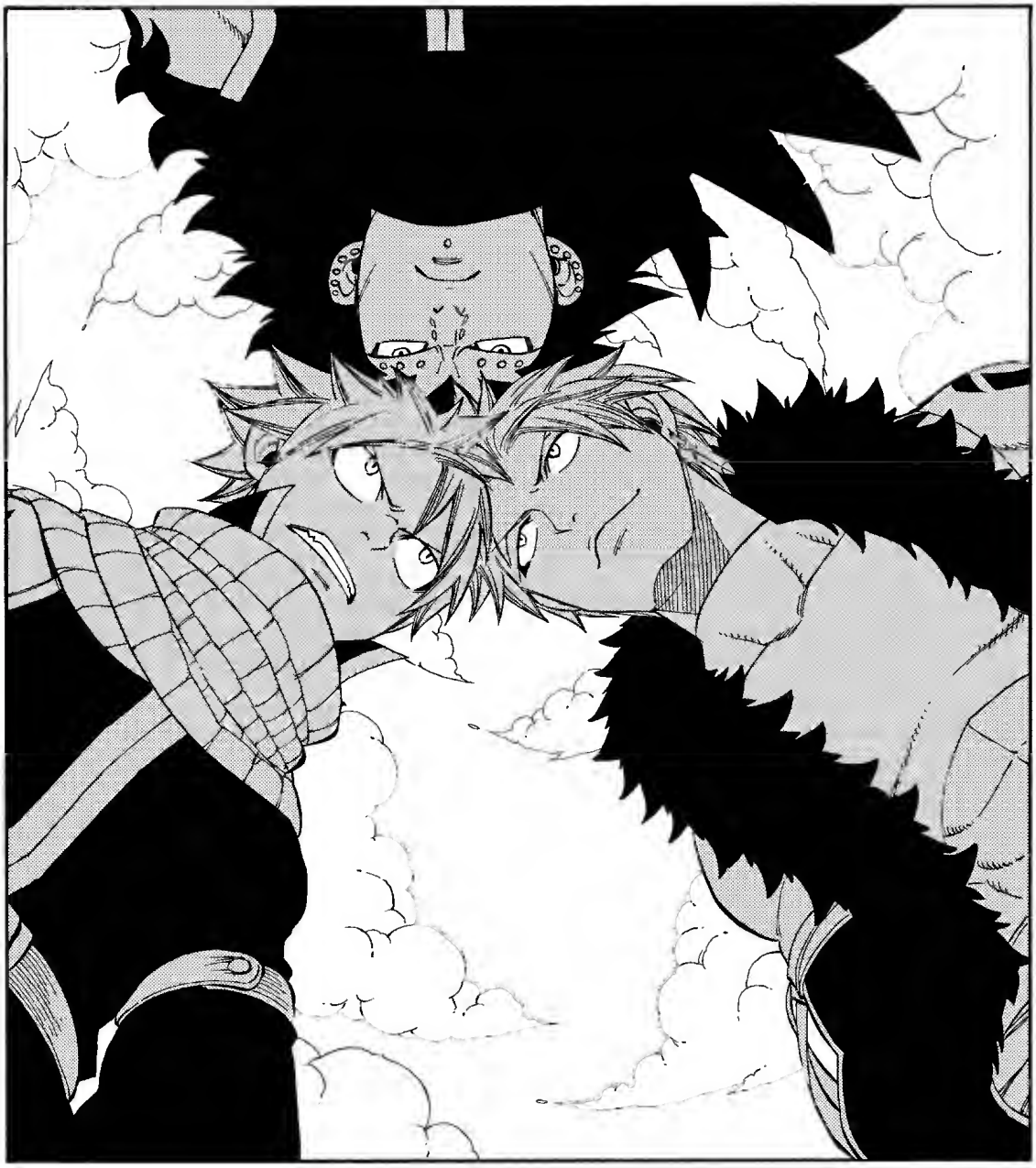
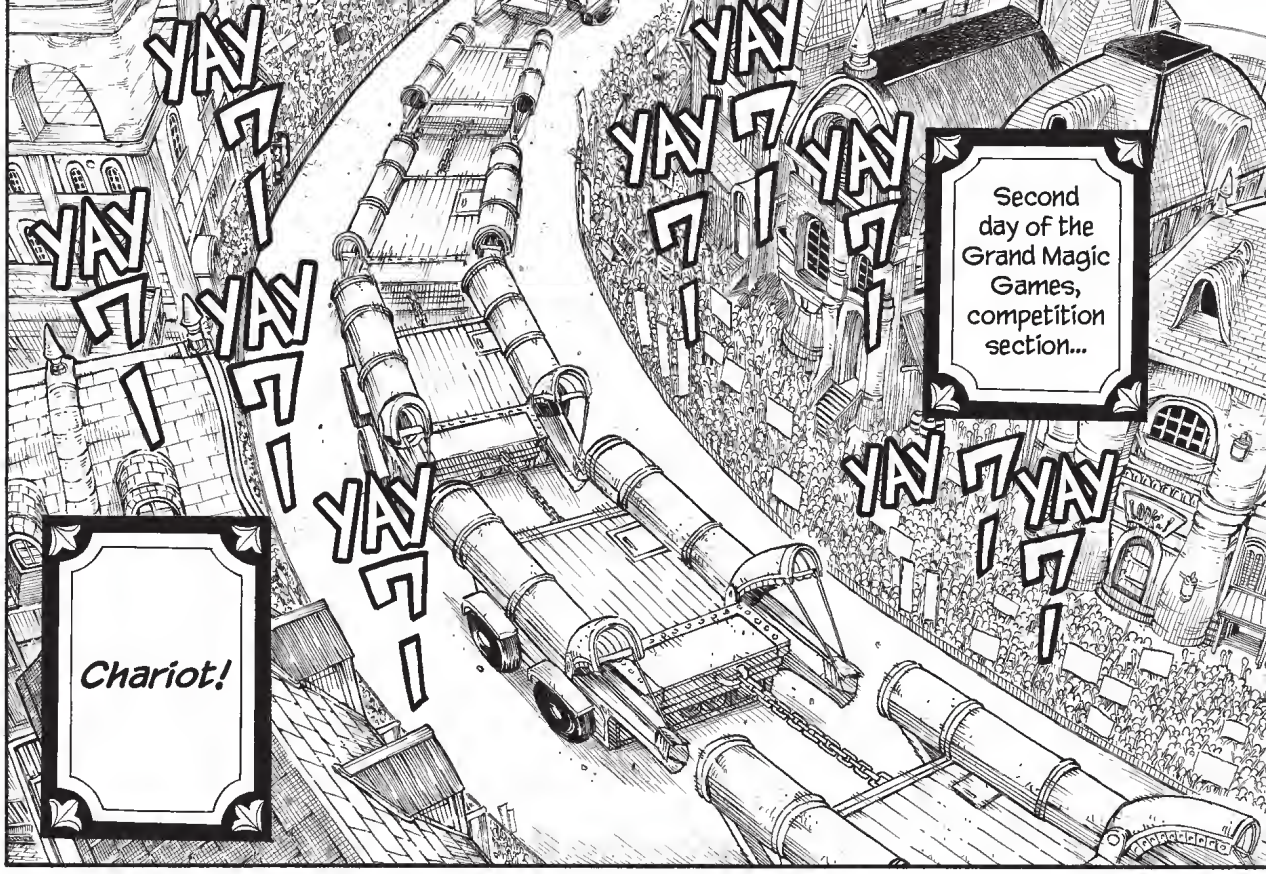
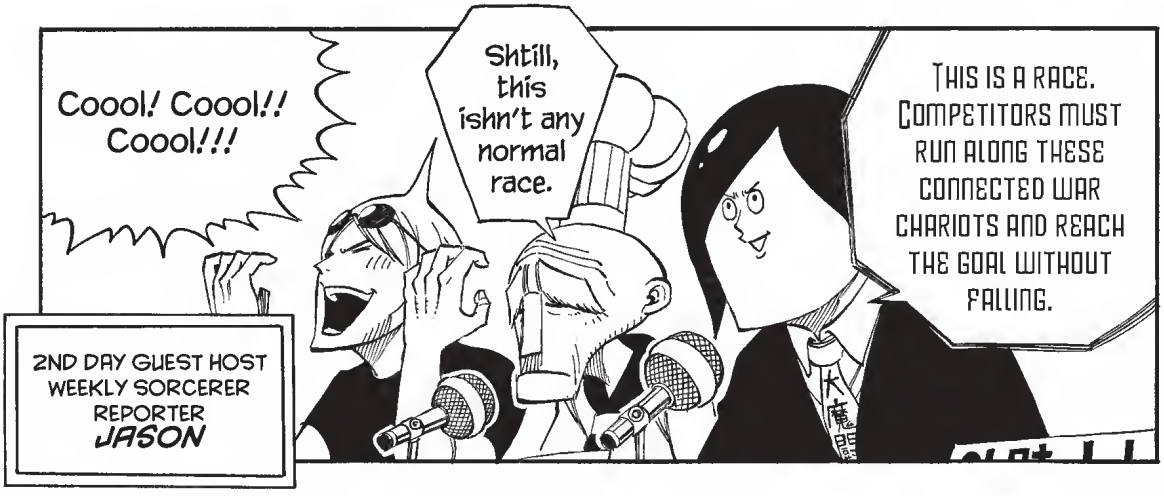
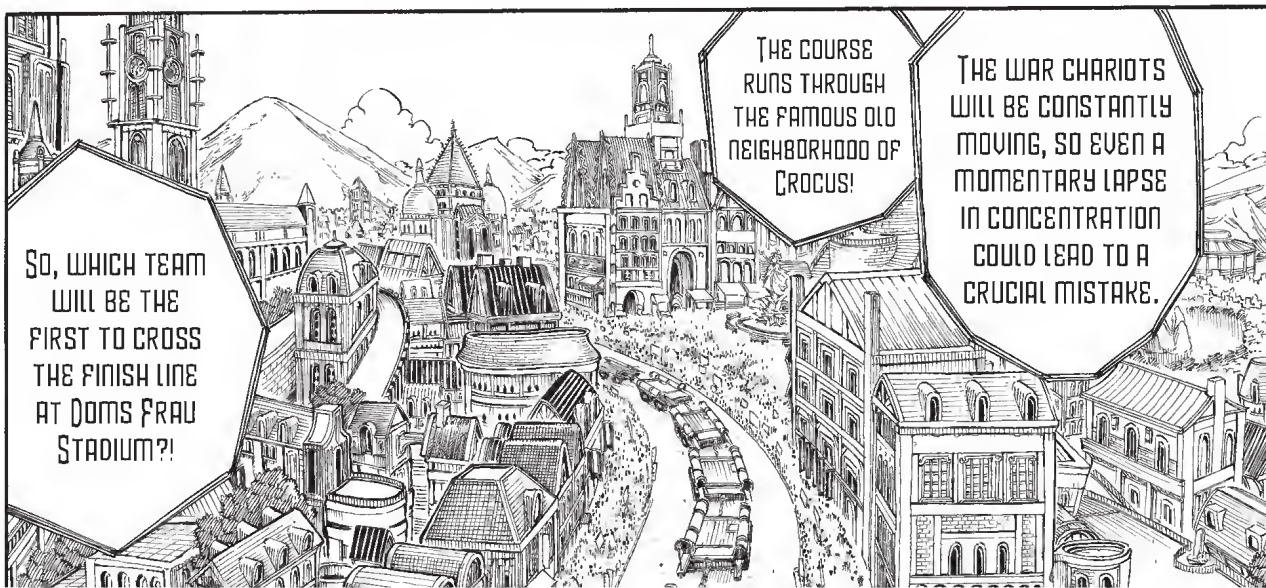
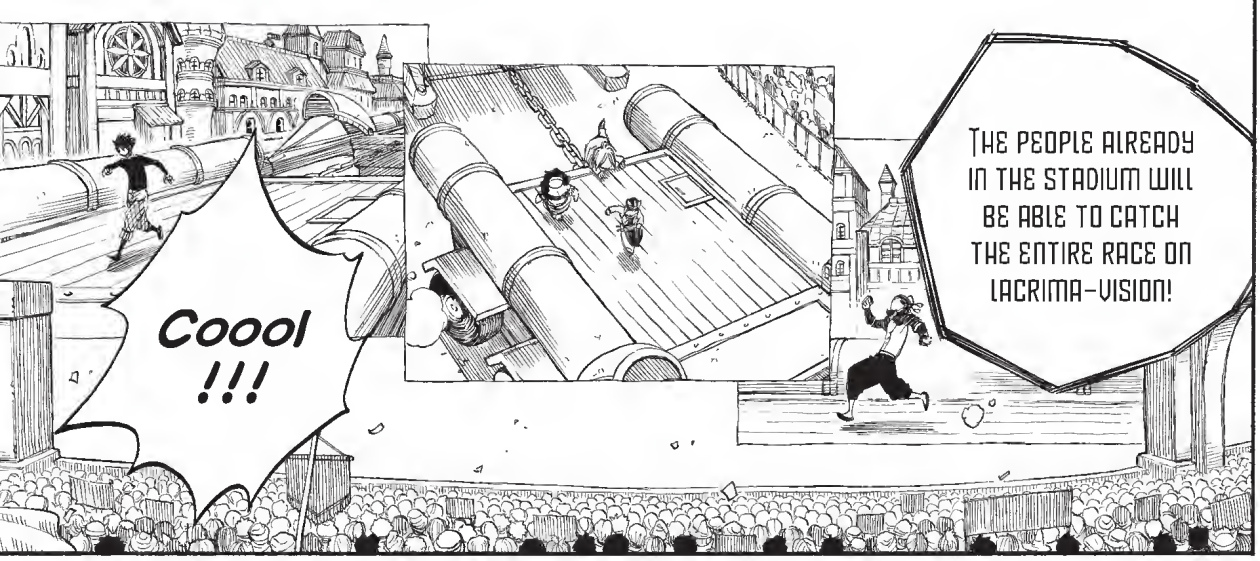


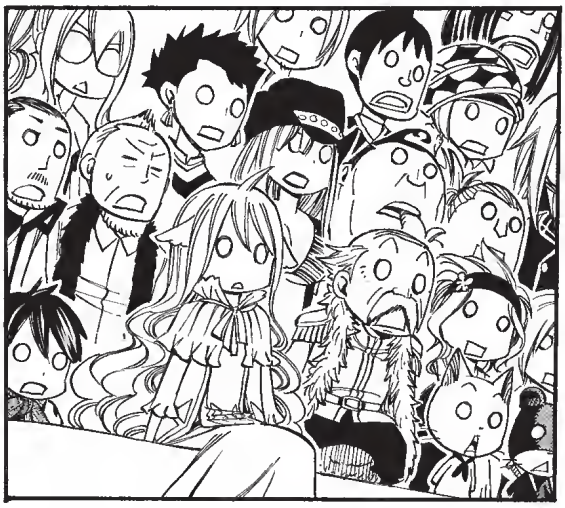
Chapter 276: Chariot

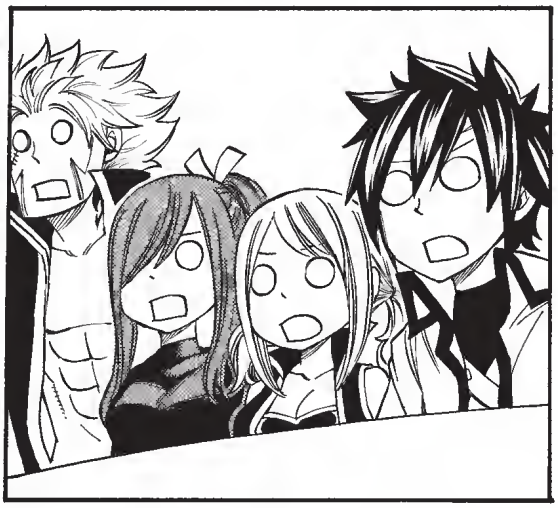

YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
Second day of the Grand Magic Games, competition section...
Chariot!


Coool! Coool!! Coool!!!
Shtill, this ishn't any normal race.
This is a race. Competitors must run along these connected war chariots and reach the goal without falling.
2ND DAY GUEST HOST
WEEKLY SORCERER
REPORTER
JASON


So, which team will be the first to cross the finish line at Doms Frau Stadium?!
The course runs through the famous old neighborhood of Crocus!
The war chariots will be constantly moving, so even a momentary lapse in concentration could lead to a crucial mistake.

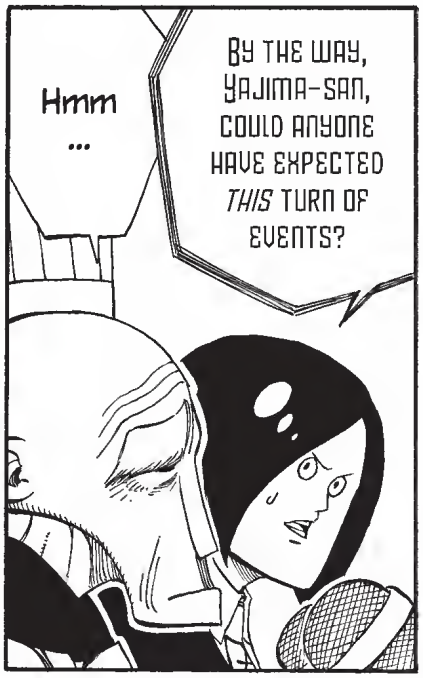

Coool !!!
The people already in the stadium will be able to catch the entire race on Lacrima-vision!

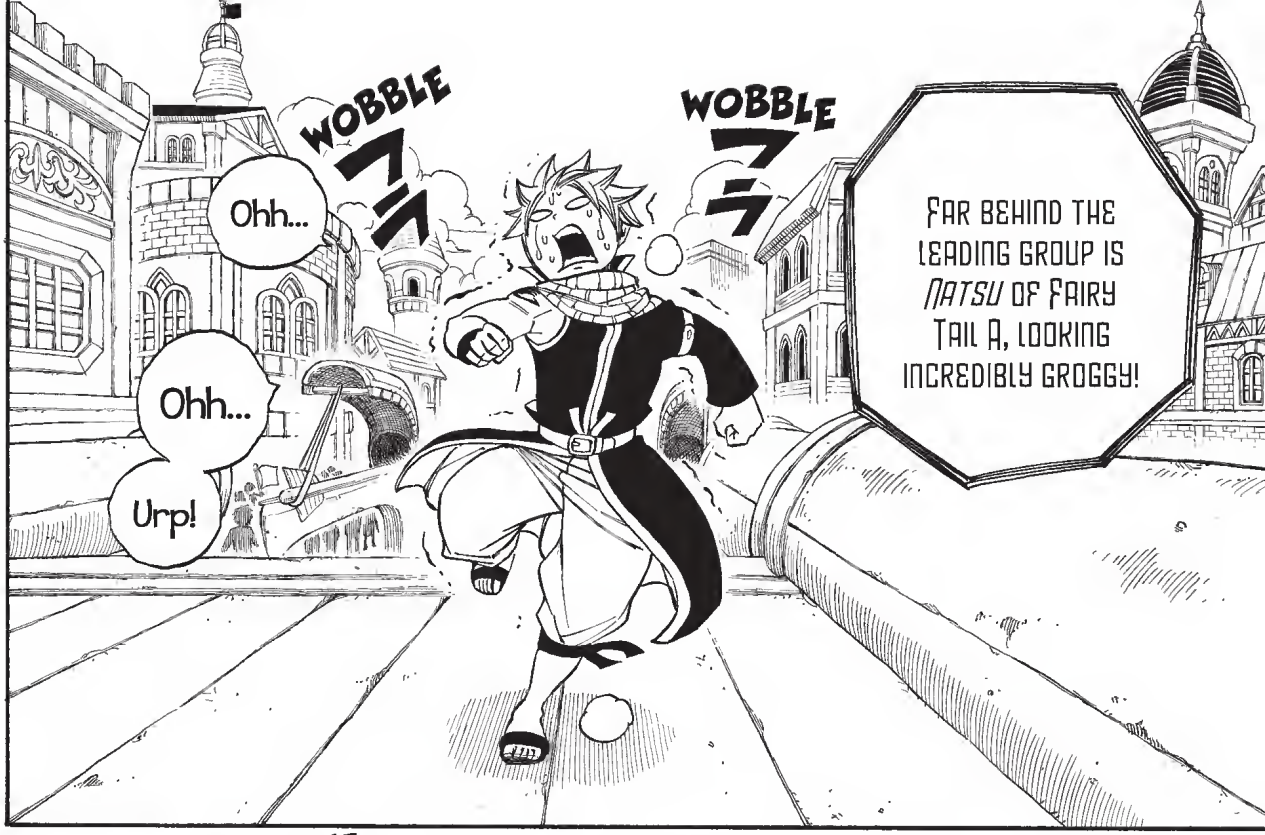


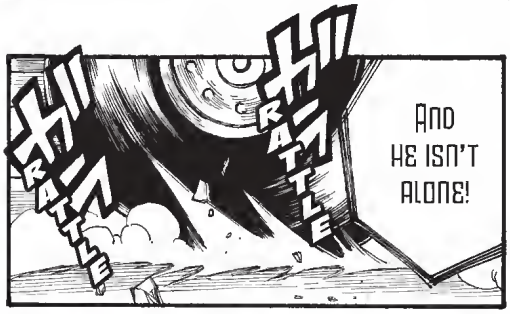


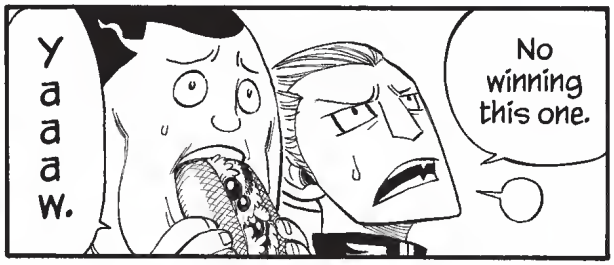
He said he was competing, and wouldn't listen to reason.
Aww, man!!!

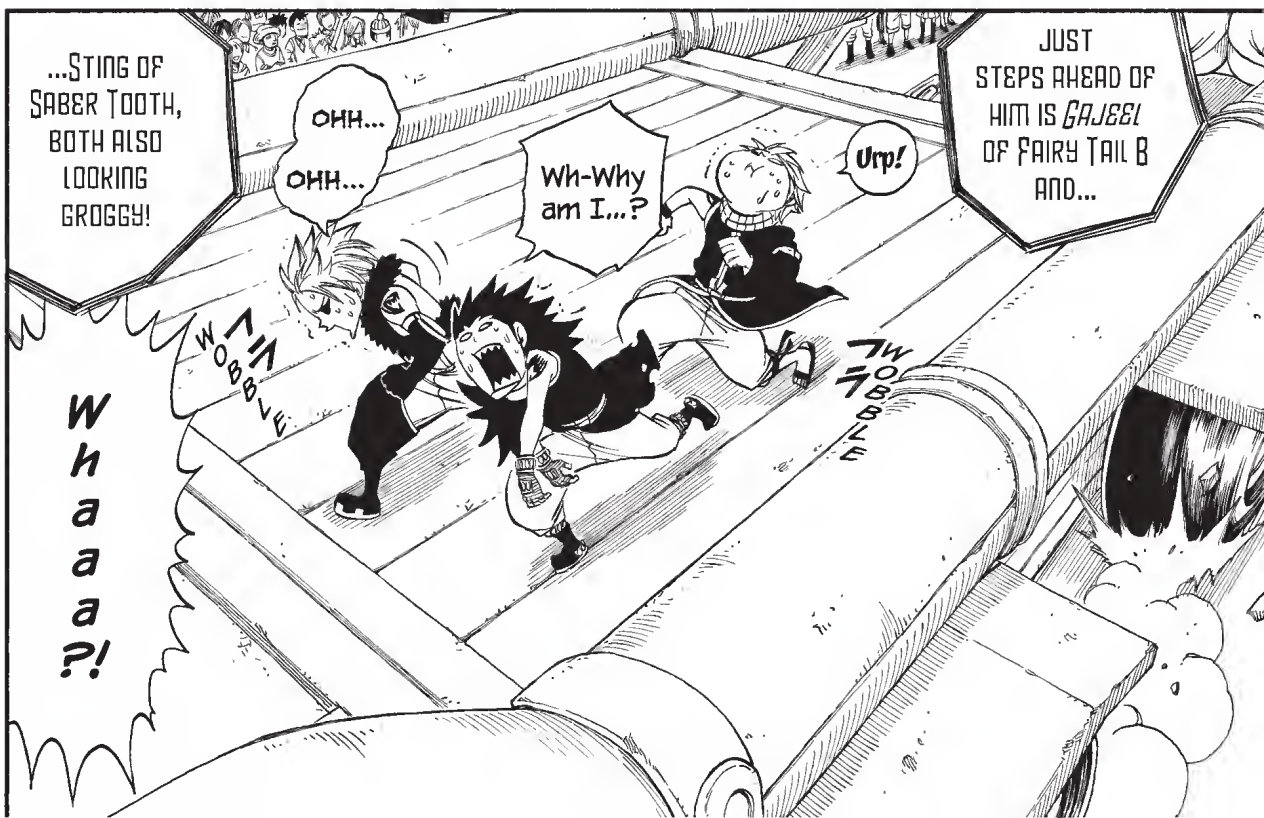
Why did Natsu enter this one?
It's called "Chariot." You can tell from the name.
Or you SHOULD.


Hmm ...
By the way, Yajima-san, could anyone have expected *this* turn of events?

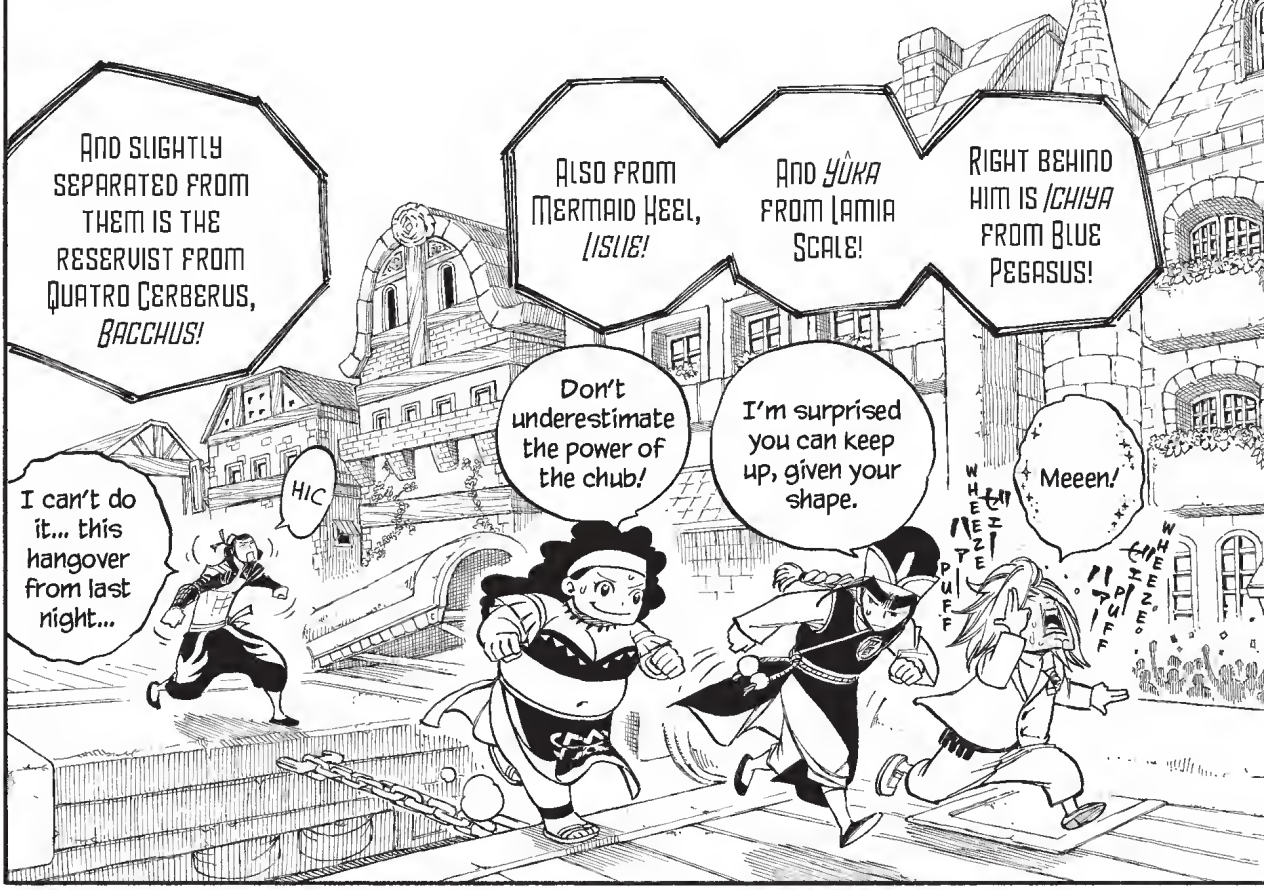

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Ohh...
Ohh...
Urp!
Far behind the leading group is *Natsu* of Fairy Tail A, looking incredibly groggy!

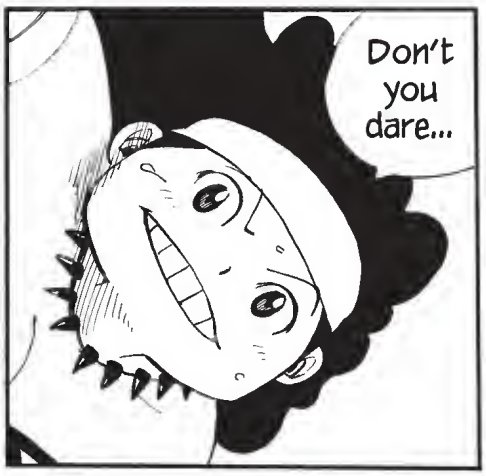

RATTLE
RATTLE
And he isn't alone!


Yaaaw.
No winning this one.

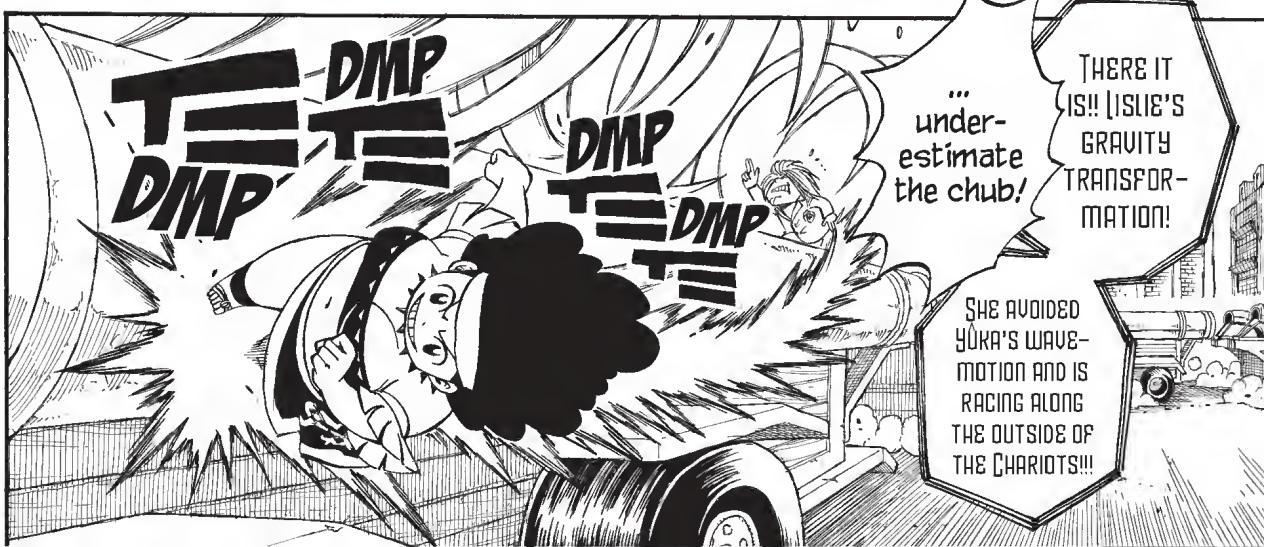

...Sting of Saber Tooth, both also looking groggy!
OHH...
OHH...
Wh-Why am I...?
Urp!
Just steps ahead of him is *Gajeel* of Fairy Tail B and...
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
Whaaaa?!

Wasn't it just Salamander...
...who gets motion sickness...?
Um... Jason-san, can you tone it down a bit?
Coool!!
There must be something to cause all three of them pain at the same time.
What could this mean, Yajima-san?
Goal
Kurohebi
Ichiya
Lislie
Bacchus
Yûka
Sting
Natsu
Gajeel
Start
Now let's look at the lead group...
This is an extreme dead heat, and it's only getting more extreme!!
It's even affecting the Saber guy...
Don't go imitating Natsu!
What's going on? Why is Gajeel...?
This *is* a problem. For Sting, who's the greatest wizard in the world, to have his one weakness revealed...
Fro thinks so also.
Raven Tail
Kurohebi
At the front is Raven Tail's *Kurohebi!*


And slightly separated from them is the reservist from Quatro Cerberus, Bacchus!
Also from Mermaid Heel, Lisle!
And Yûka from Lamia Scale!
Right behind him is Ichiya from Blue Pegasus!
I can't do it... this hangover from last night...
HIC
Don't underestimate the power of the chub!
I'm surprised you can keep up, given your shape.
Meeen!
WHEEZE
PUFF


Don't you dare...

You won't be able to use magic inside my wave!!!
WAVE-MOTION BOOST !!!!
WOOOOOH


DMP
DMP
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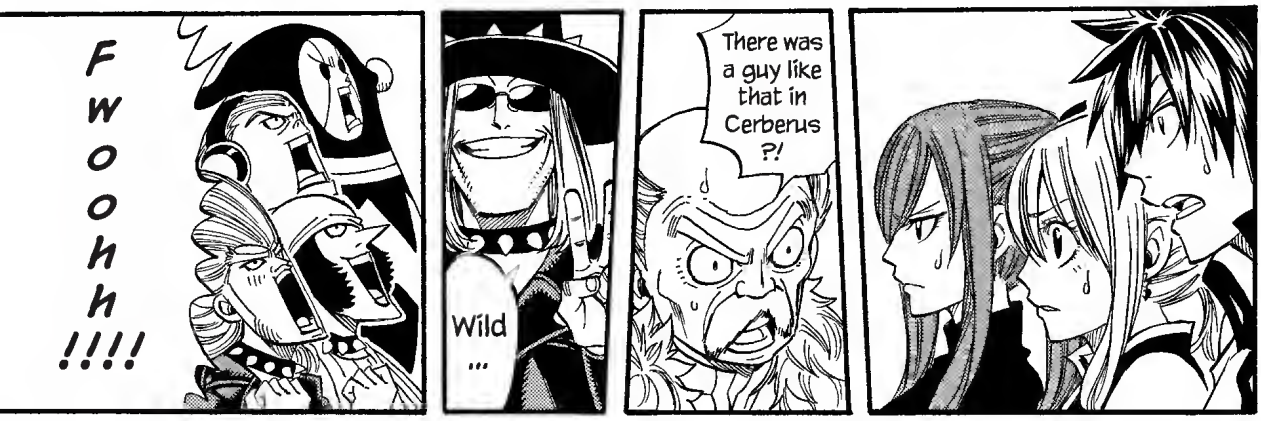
... under-estimate the chub!
There it is!! Lisle's gravity transformation!
She avoided Yûka's wave-motion and is racing along the outside of the chariots!!!

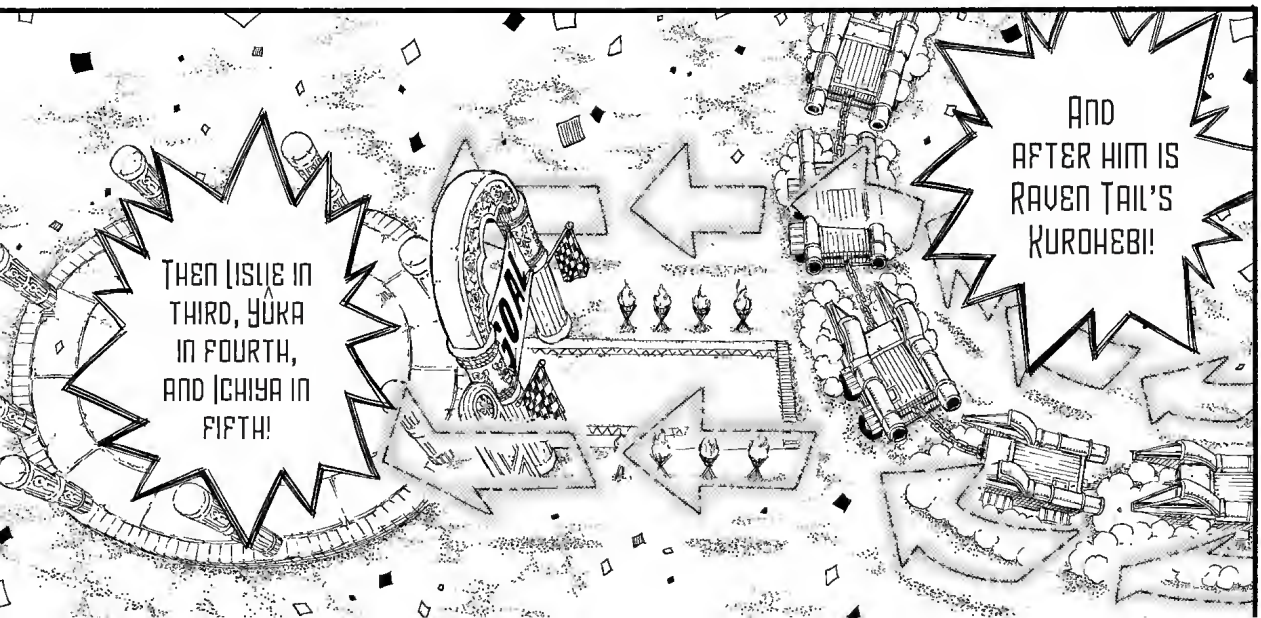
A wave that eliminates magic...?
Hmm...
Then ...
FAST-FEET PERFUME !!
ボス SUMMP
POINT-BLANK IN-HALE! !!!
Whoa !!
HYAAAAH!!!
TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP
!!
Oh? They're really getting into it.
Maybe I'll get serious too, for just a bit.
It makes my spirit tremble.
Let's GOOOO!!
THWAM!!

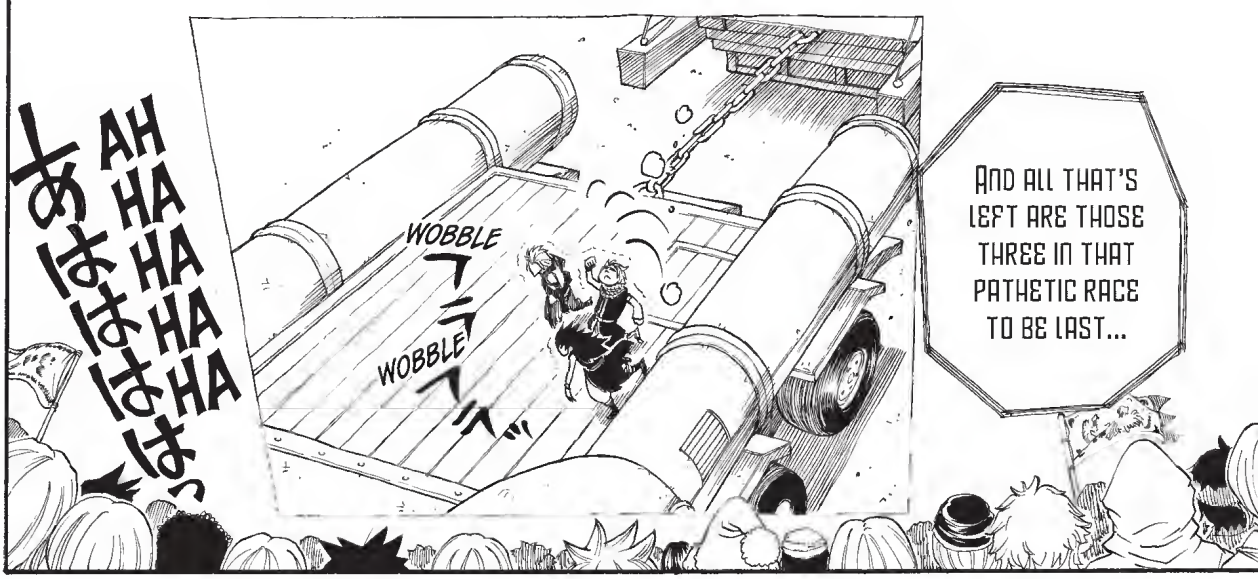
GLASHU WHAT'S HAPPENING!
What's with him?!
He's got even more power now than seven years ago...
...AND DESTROYED IT!!!!
BACCHUS'S POWER JUST TOOK A CHARIOT...
WH-WHAT'S THIS?!!

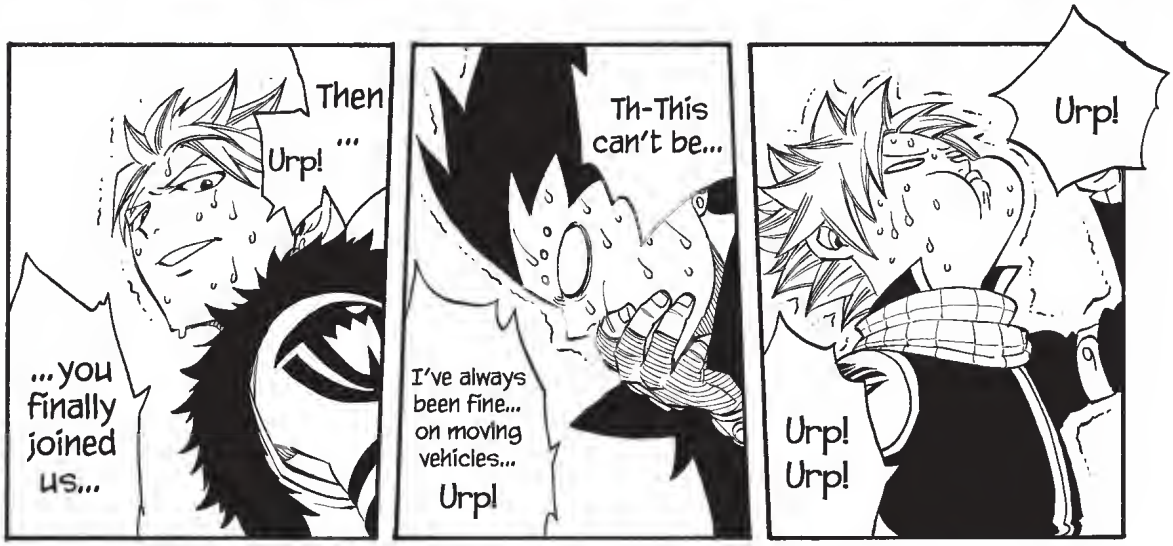
But if you fall off, you lose!!!!
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
See you at the finish line!!!!
Gravity Transformation is coool!!
YOU'RE NOT CHUBBY NOW!
Don't underestimate the chub...
A dirty trick!!
What was *that* ...?
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA
Wa ha ha ha ha ha!
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP

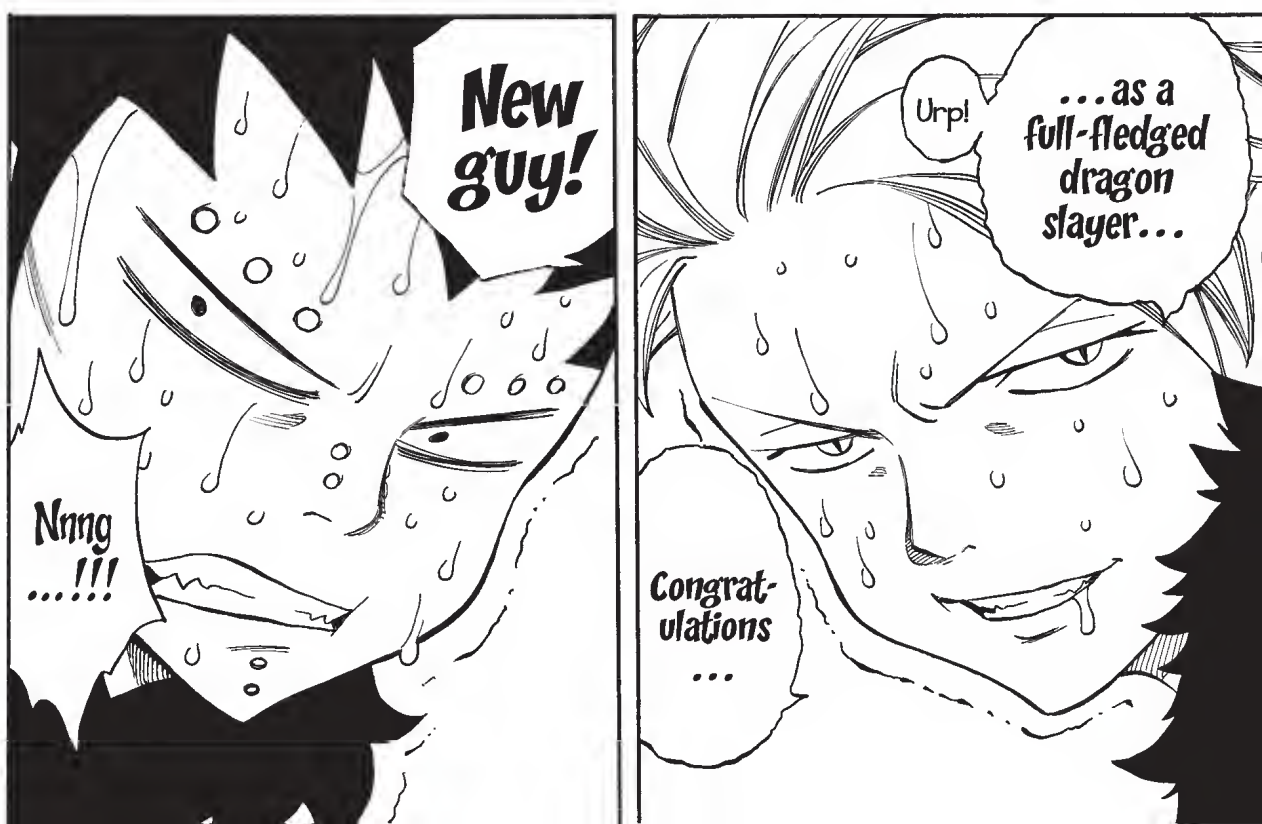
Tremble for me !!!!
And with that, he's across the finish line in one quick spurt!!!!
Quatro Cerberus gets 10 points !!!!


Fwoohh !!!!
Wild ...
There was a guy like that in Cerberus ?!


Then Lisle in third, Yuka in fourth, and Ichiya in fifth!
And after him is Raven Tail's Kurohebi!


AH HA HA HA HA
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
And all that's left are those three in that pathetic race to be last...

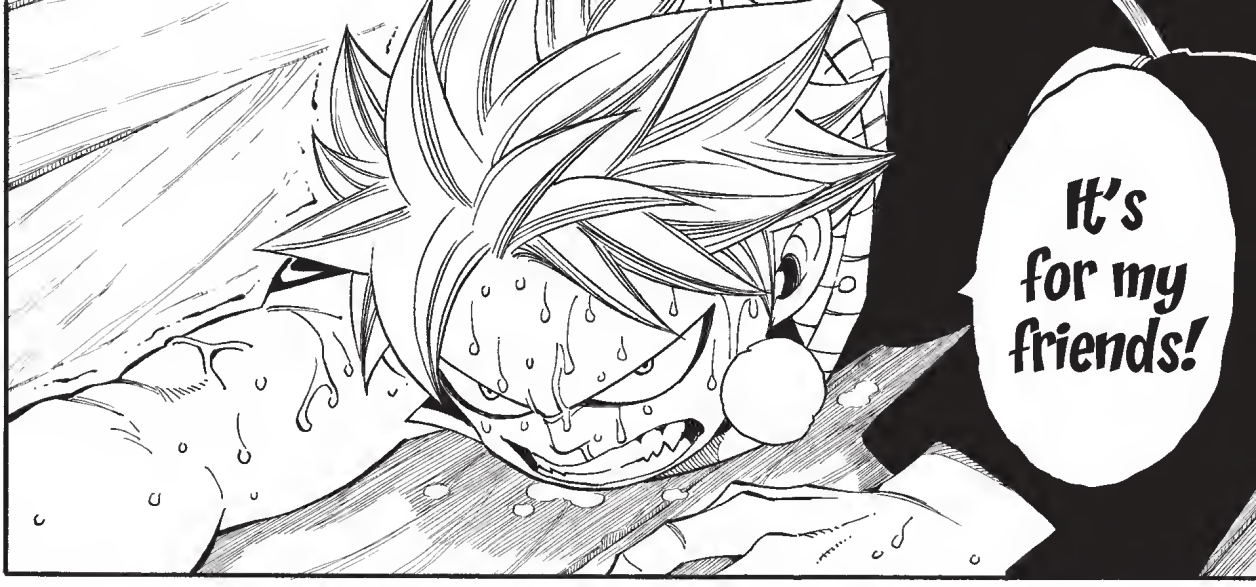

Then ...
Urp!
...you finally joined us...
Th-This can't be...
I've always been fine... on moving vehicles...
Urp!
Urp!
Urp!
Urp!

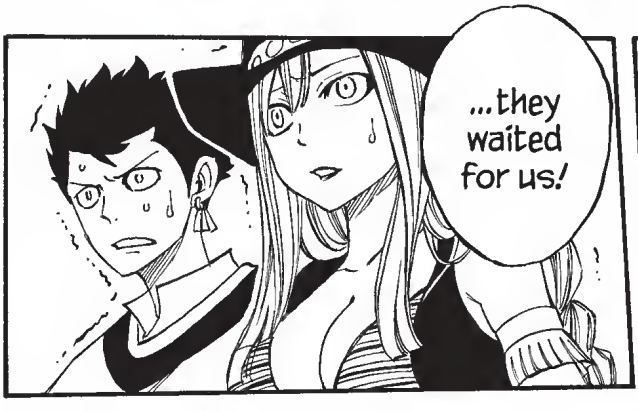

New guy!
Nnng ...!!!
Urp!
...as a full-fledged dragon slayer...
Congrat-ulations ...

I can't work up any strength!
Gah!
UMPH!
OHOOH!
WHAM!!
You little ...!!!!
Gajeel ...
Natsu ...
あはははは
AH HA HA HA HA
Don't say a word to anybody else!
Do you think Laxus does also?
Juvia thinks the secret is already out.
All dragon slayers get sick on moving vehicles...it seems.
I always thought it was just us two.
This isn't on purpose, is it, Rogue?
Oh...? This is what he meant by "getting worked up."

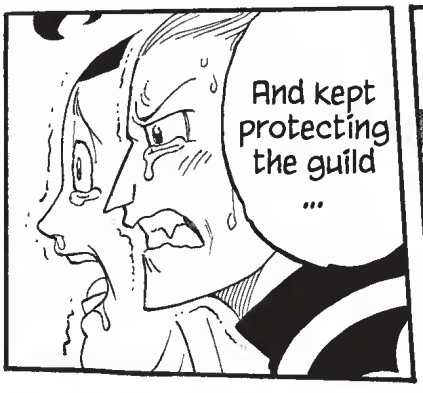
I gotta ...
...move forward !!!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RRROOOAAAHHH!
Forrrr-ward !!!!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
This is really not cool! He's getting serious even though he can't get any power going.
Don't go crying over your missing point later, kiddo!
So we don't need a measly one or two points!
From here on in, we'll win every time!
F-Fine... You can have this match!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE

AGN
AAAH!
WOOAAH!
Answer me one question ...?
I'd never imagine the old Fairy Tail doing that!
It's like, now you care how strong you are, or what other people think...
Why did you guys even come to the Games?
They never gave a crap what anybody thought!
The Fairy Tail I used to know marched to their own beat.


It's for my friends!


...they waited for us!

For seven years ...
...all that time...


And kept protecting the guild ...

They got humiliated, but they just endured it...

It was hard on them...
They had sad times...

I want to show them...
It's for my friends!

...that Fairy Tail will live on !!!!
That's why I gotta move forward !!!!!

Natsu
...

GOAL
Goaaaaal!
WHAM!
Fairy Tail A, Natsu, comes in 6th for 2P!!!
Our first points!
And in 7th is Fairy Tail B, Gajeel, for 1P!!!
Gee hee!

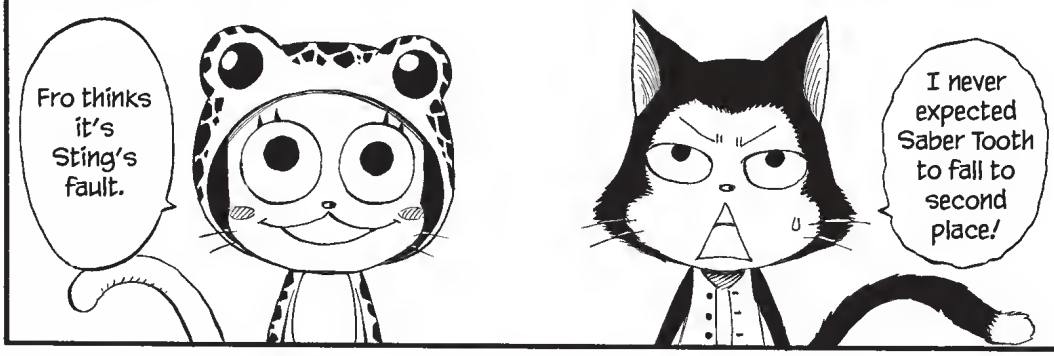
I think... that maybe I should start rooting for them!!
I'm a tiny bit... moved.
Fairy Tail... may not be so bad, huh?
ざわ CHATTER
What's wrong with them?
It's kinda like...they're obsessed...
Amazing, in a way.
SABER TOOTH'S STING IS OUT OF THE RUNNING WITH 0P!
NO.1
ざわ CHATTER
ォォォォ
00000
Waaa !!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
That's just pathetic.
"For your friends" ?

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games: Second Day Results (still in progress)

1. Saber Tooth	20P + 0	1. Raven Tail	26P
2. Raven Tail	18P + 8	2. Saber Tooth	20P
3. Lamia Scale	16P + 4	2. Lamia Scale	20P
4. Blue Pegasus	14P + 3	4. Blue Pegasus	17P
5. Mermaid Heel	3P + 6	5. Quatro Cerberus	12P
6. Quatro Cerberus	2P + 10	6. Mermaid Heel	9P
7. Fairy Tail B	1P + 1	7. Fairy Tail B	2P
8. Fairy Tail A	0P + 2	7. Fairy Tail A	2P



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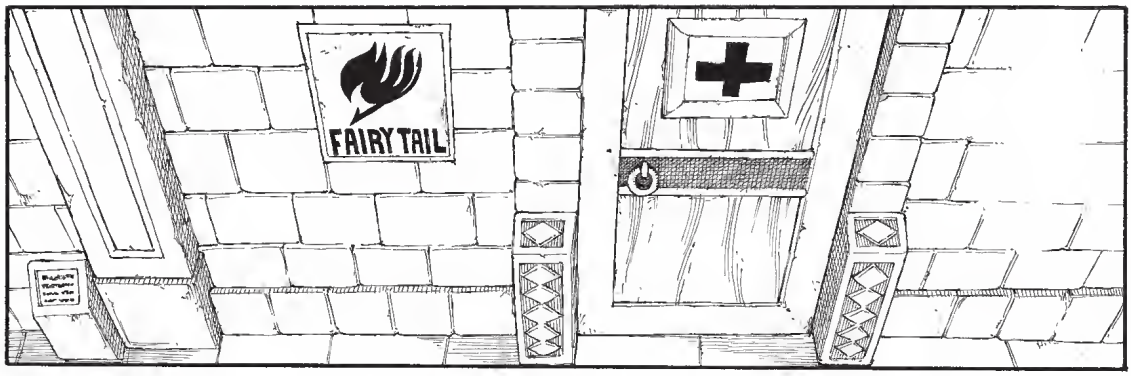
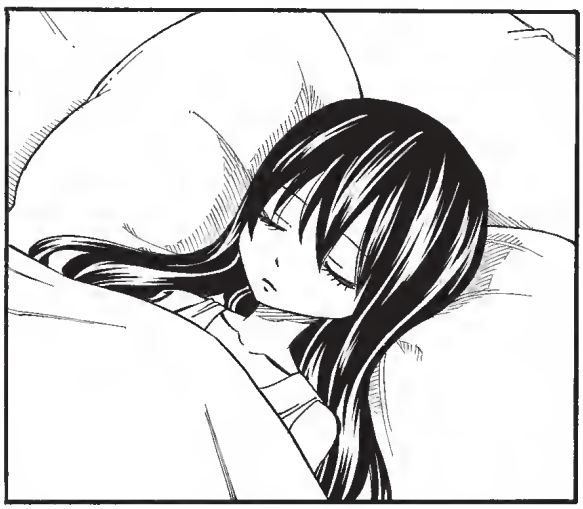
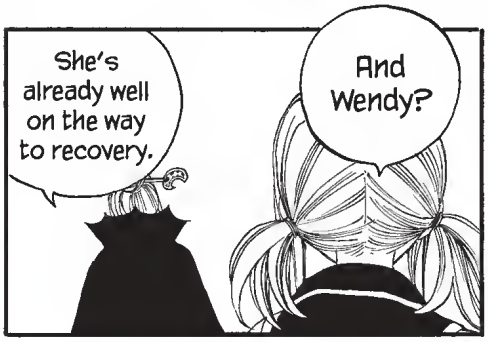
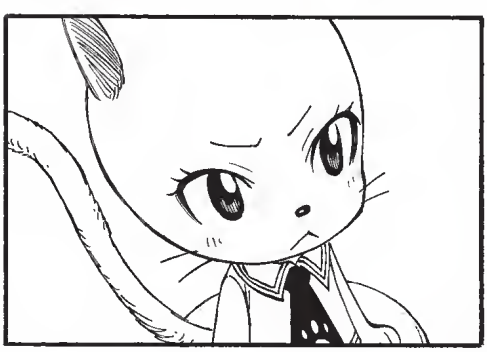
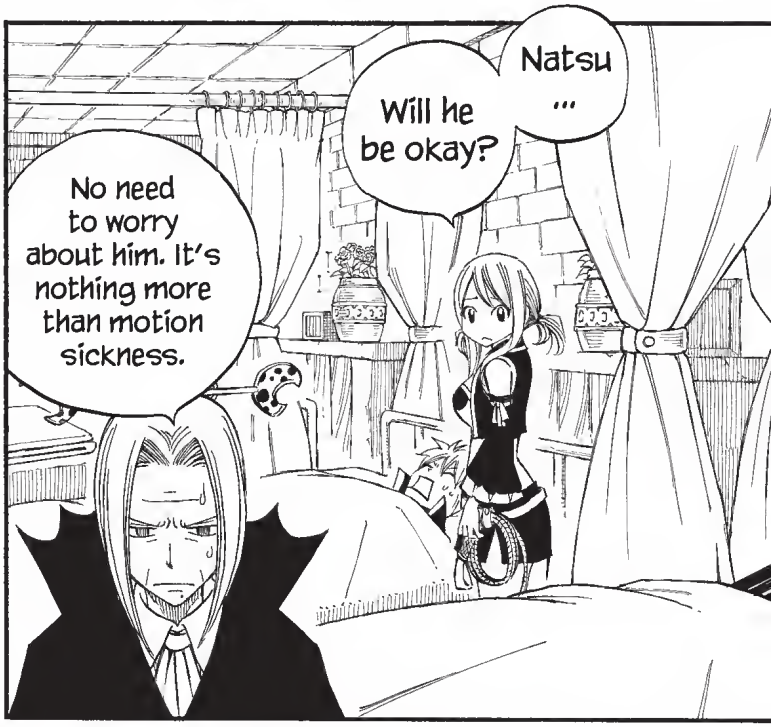

FAIRY TAIL

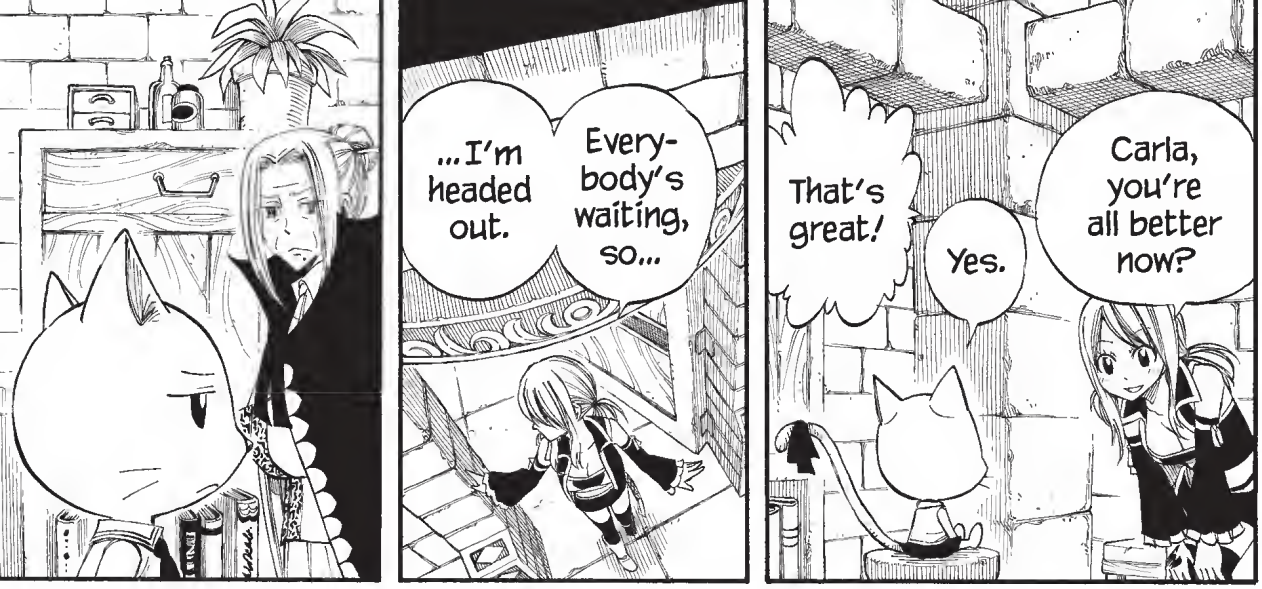


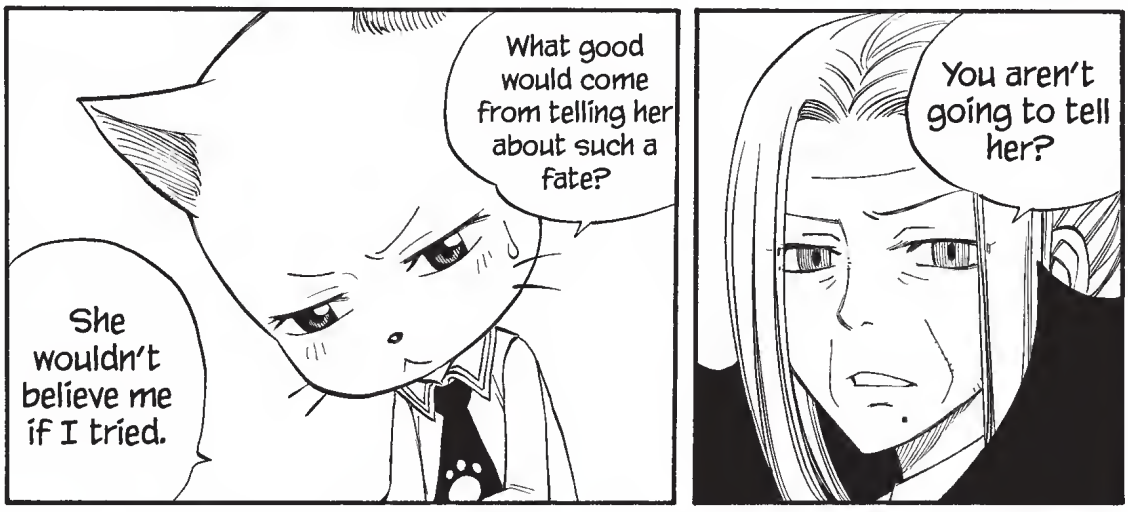
OHH...
OOGH...

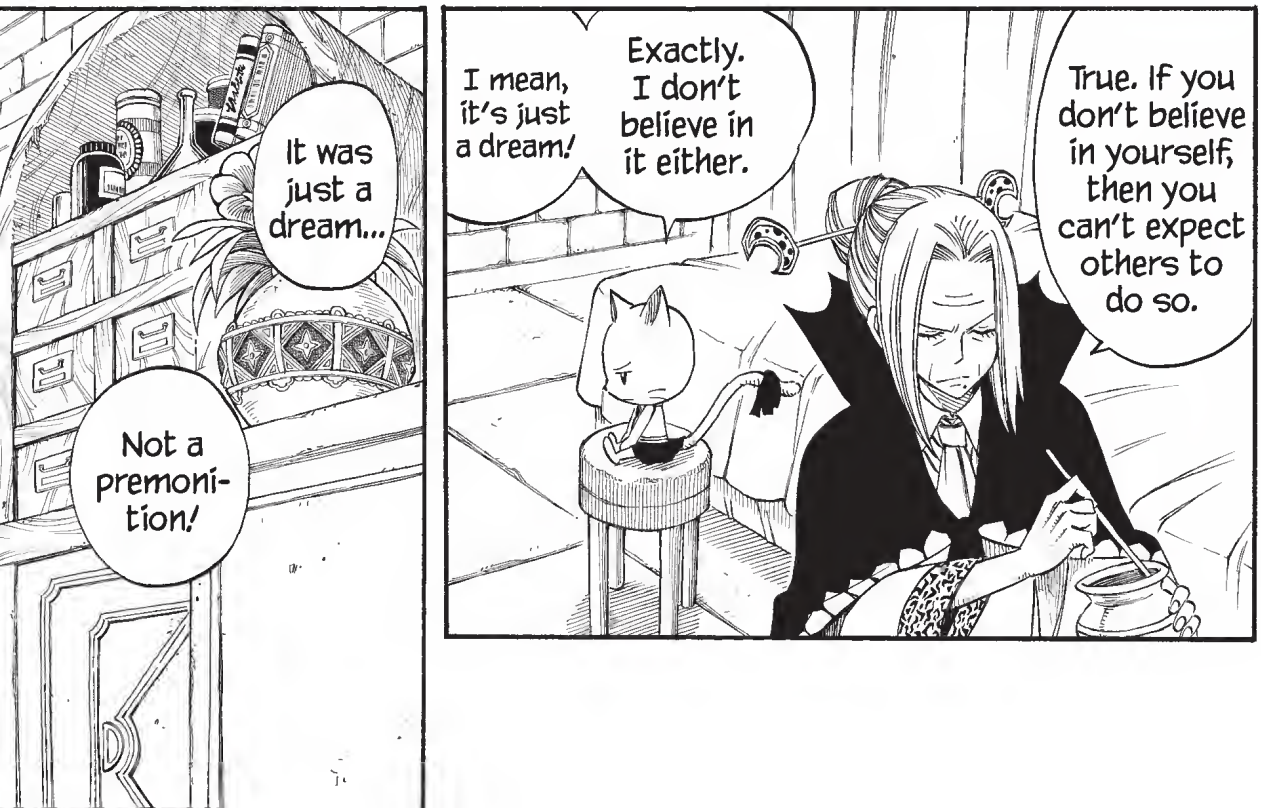

She's already well on the way to recovery.
And Wendy?

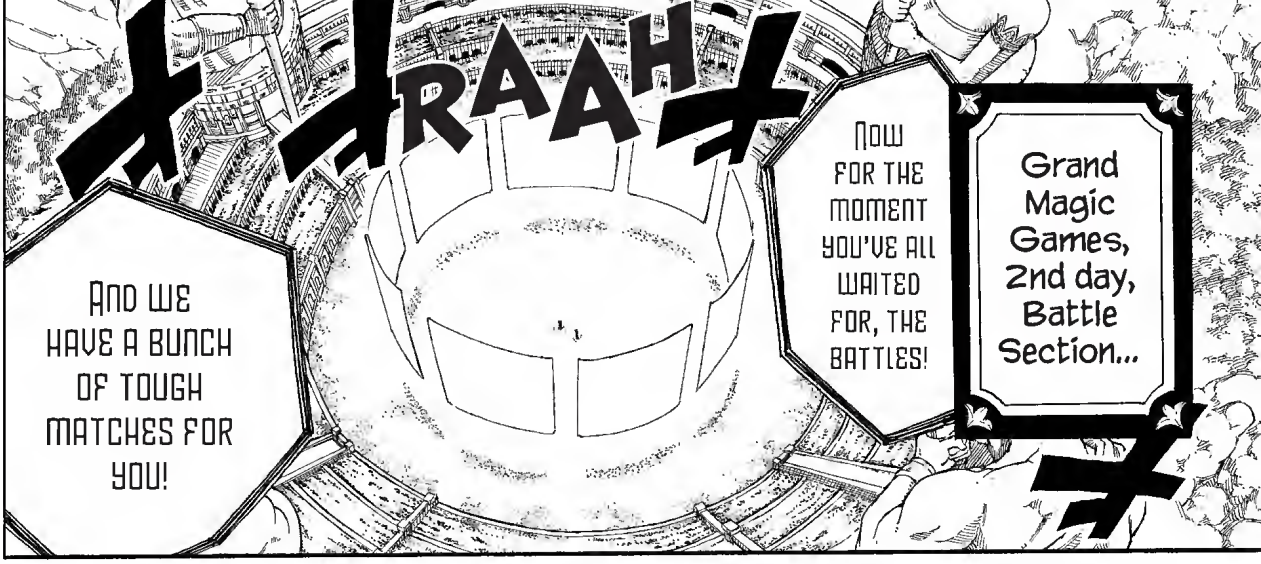



Natsu ...
Will he be okay?
No need to worry about him. It's nothing more than motion sickness.

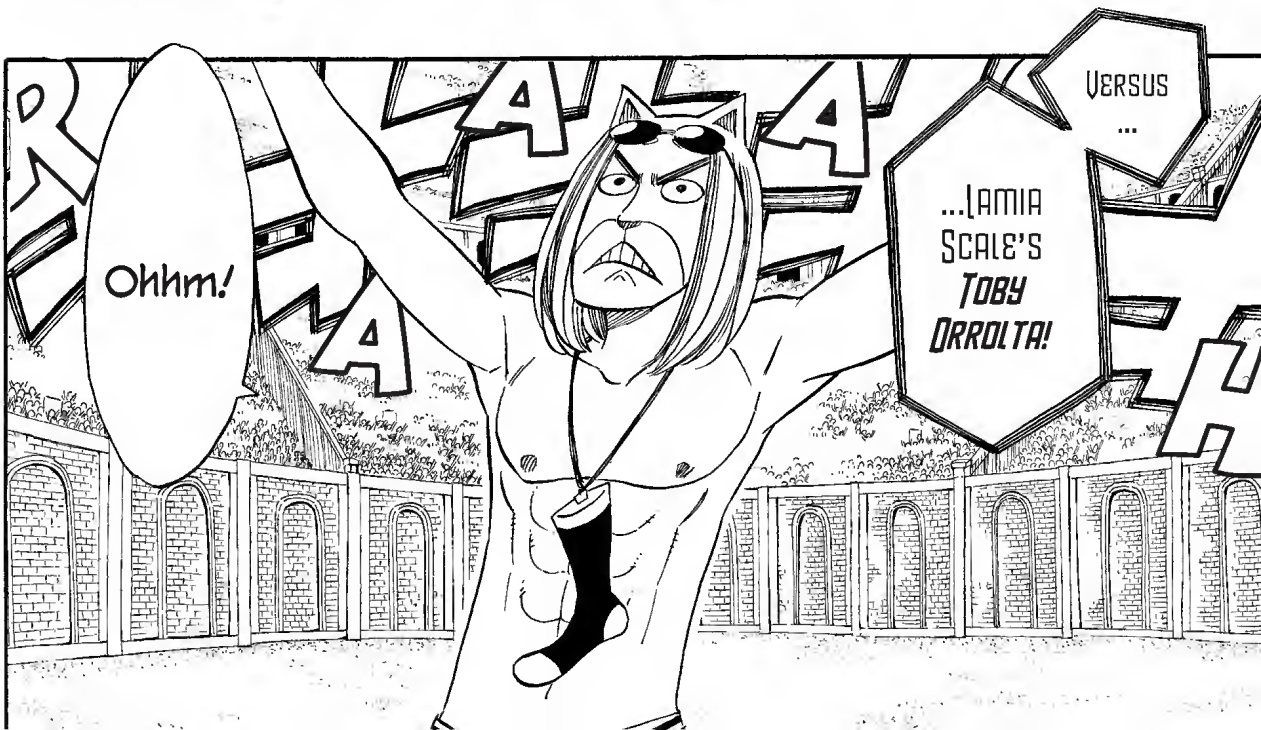

Carla, you're all better now?
Yes.
That's great!
Every-body's waiting, so...
...I'm headed out.

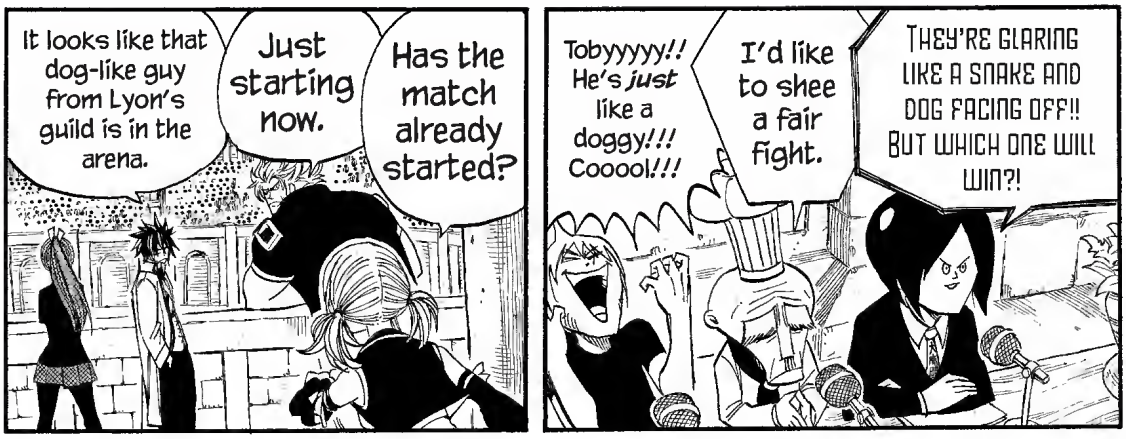

What good would come from telling her about such a fate?
She wouldn't believe me if I tried.
You aren't going to tell her?


It was just a dream...
Not a premoni-tion!
I mean, it's just a dream!
Exactly. I don't believe in it either.
True. If you don't believe in yourself, then you can't expect others to do so.

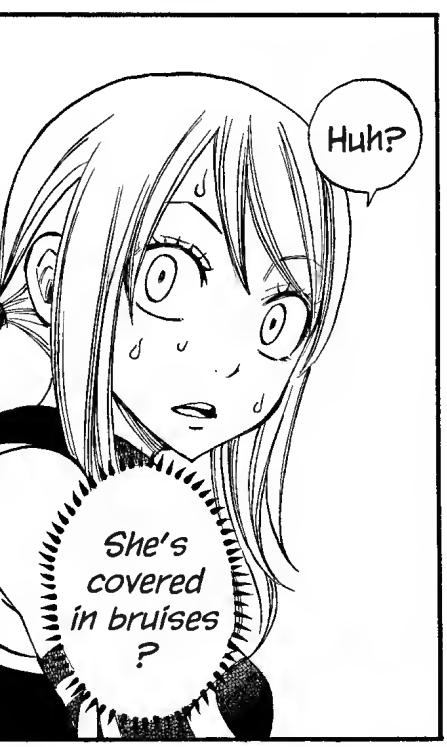

RAAH
And we have a bunch of tough matches for you!
Now for the moment you've all waited for, the battles!
Grand Magic Games, 2nd day, Battle Section...

Kurohebi!
The first match features the new guild that currently tops the rankings, Raven Tail!

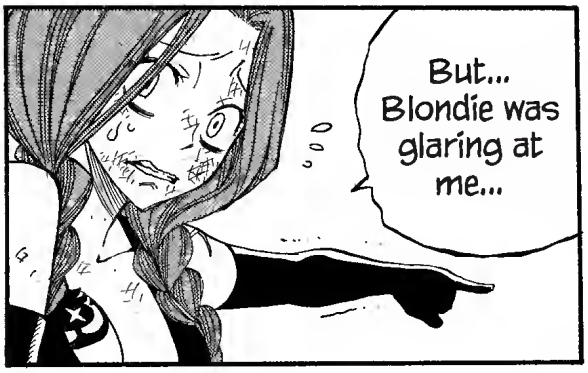

Ohhm!
Versus ...
...Lamia Scale's Toby Orrolta!


It looks like that dog-like guy from Lyon's guild is in the arena.
Just starting now.
Has the match already started?
Tobyyyyy!! He's *just* like a doggy!!! Cooool!!!
I'd like to shee a fair fight.
THEY'RE GLARING LIKE A SNAKE AND DOG FACING OFF!! BUT WHICH ONE WILL WIN?!

Raven?
And he's facing Raven.
TMP TMP TMP TMP

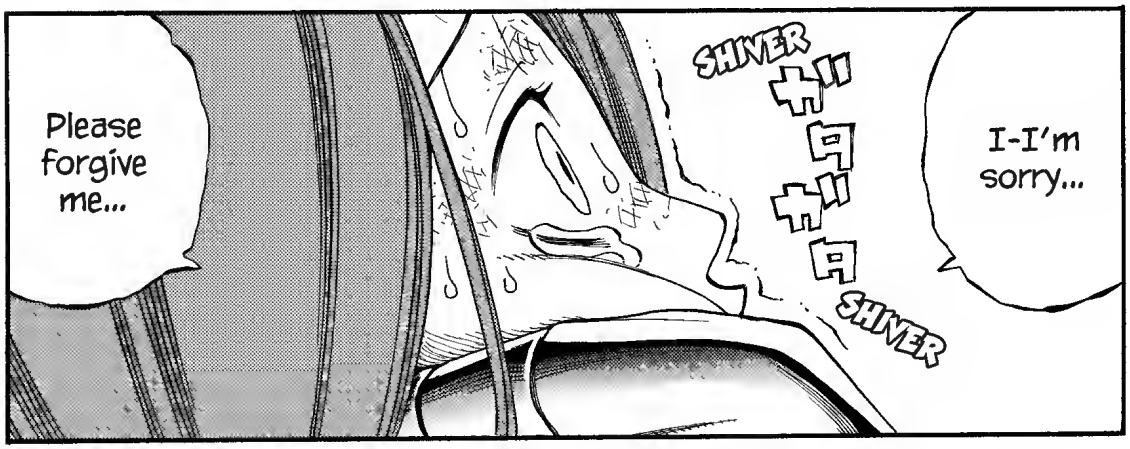

Huh?
She's covered in bruises ?

B-Blondie...


But... Blondie was glaring at me...

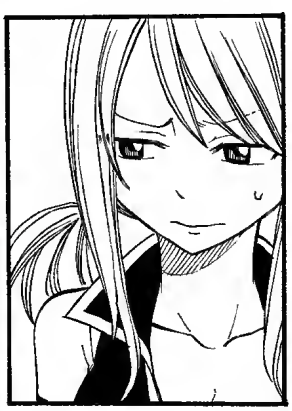
Flare... You will never fail us again!
Just who do you think was responsible for your win?

GRIP
You want more punishment?


Please forgive me...
SHIVER
SHIVER
I-I'm sorry...

SHINNG
Ohhm!!!!

LET THE FIRST BATTLE BEGIN!!!!
GONNNNG



ULTRA-PARALYZING TALONS, MEGA-MEGA JELLYFISH !!!!
ZLASH
ZLASH
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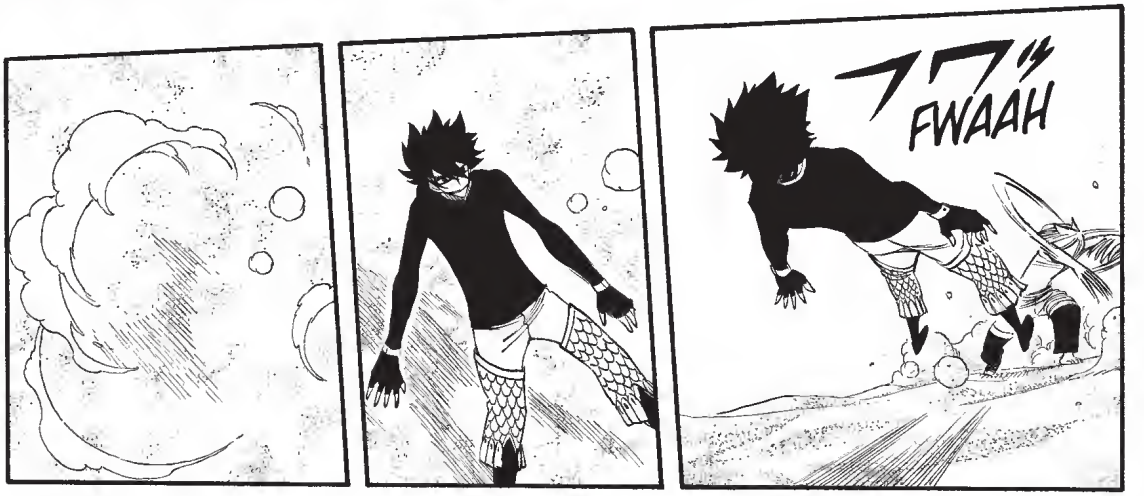
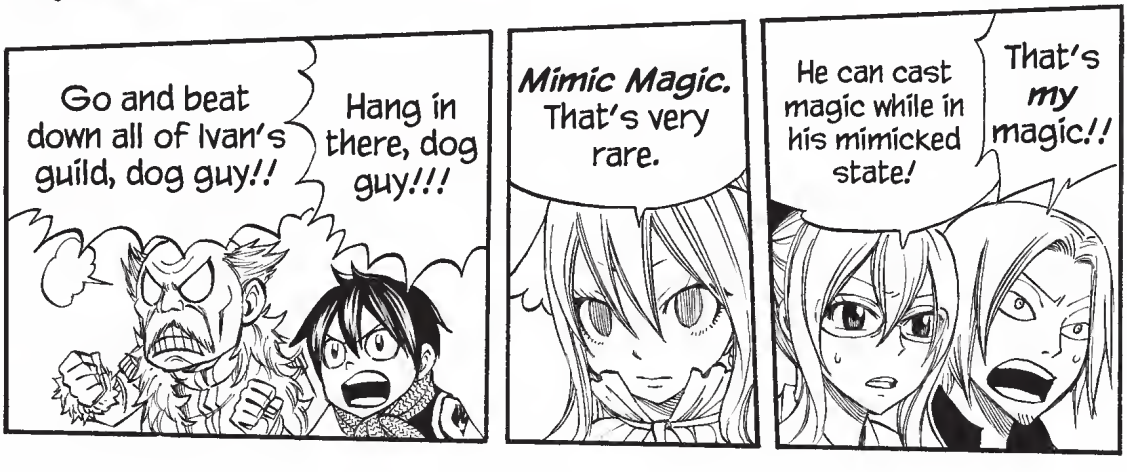
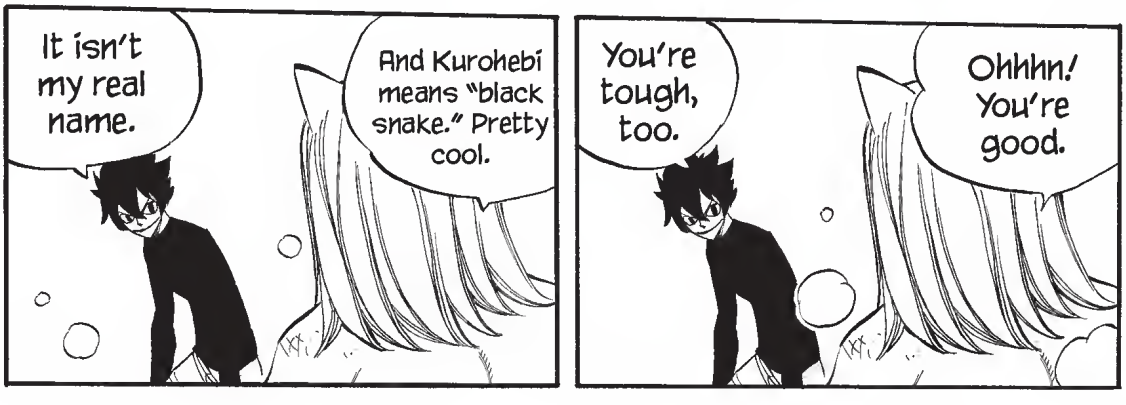
ZLASH


FWAAH

SHUUM
You fool!! That's Mimic Magic!!
He vanished?!

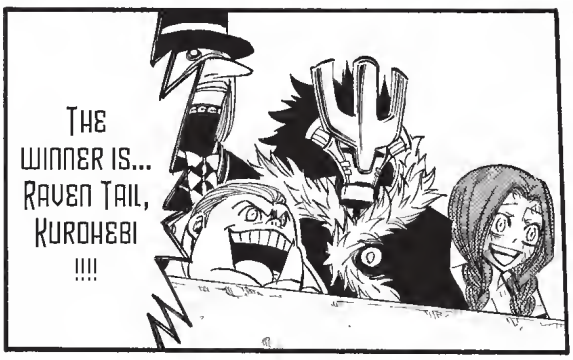
BWOOOOOGGH
SAND REBELLION !!!
GWAAANI!

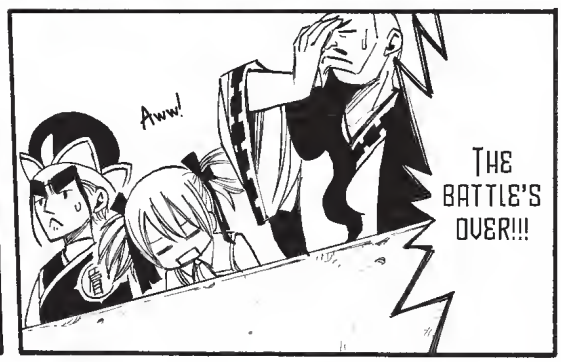

Go and beat down all of Ivan's guild, dog guy!!
Hang in there, dog guy!!!
Mimic Magic. That's very rare.
He can cast magic while in his mimicked state!
That's my magic!!

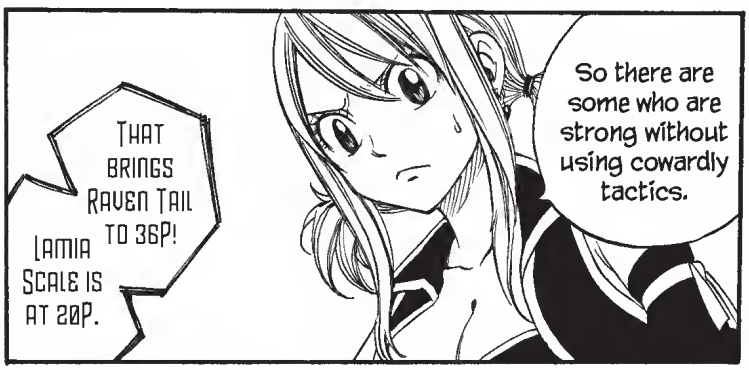

It isn't my real name.
And Kurohebi means "black snake." Pretty cool.
You're tough, too.
Ohhhh! You're good.

No problem.
MOOV
MOOV
Listen, you!!! If I win, you're gonna tell me your real name!!!!
SHING
That makes you angry?
It isn't a real name ?!!!
GRAAH
Sounds like fun!
Then I'll tell you something I've been keeping secret!!!!
And if I win?
WLKK
Coool !!!
I'm not intereshted in either of thoshe things.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A WEIRD BET RIDING ON THIS BATTLE!

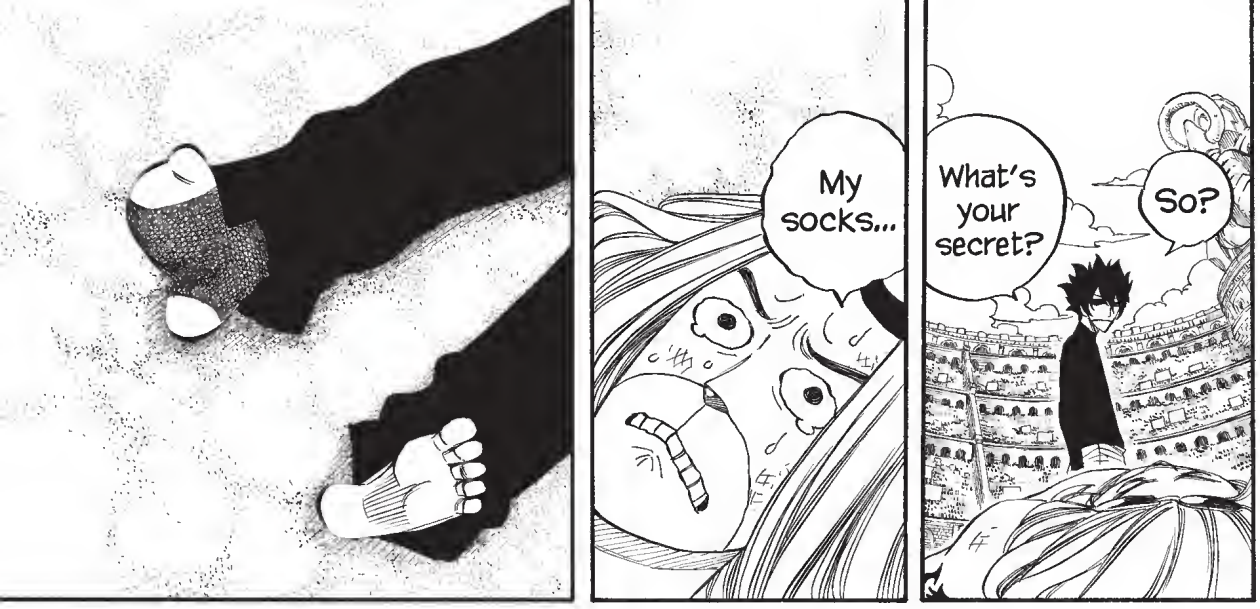
DOOOM
Down !!!!
Toby can't stand up!!!!

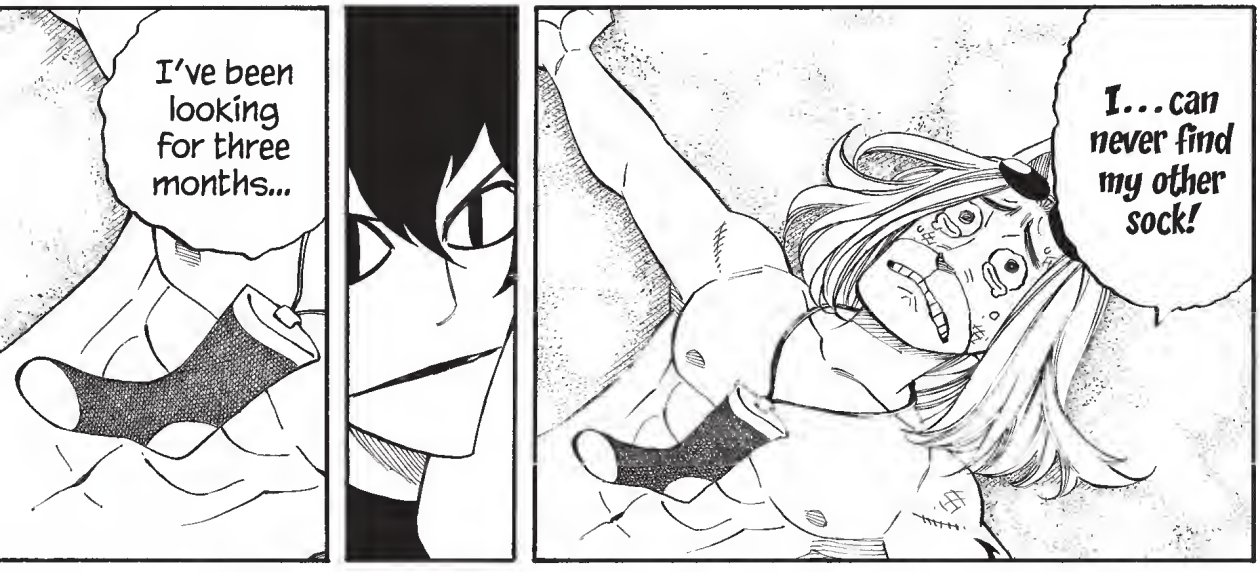

The winner is... Raven Tail, Kurohebi !!!!

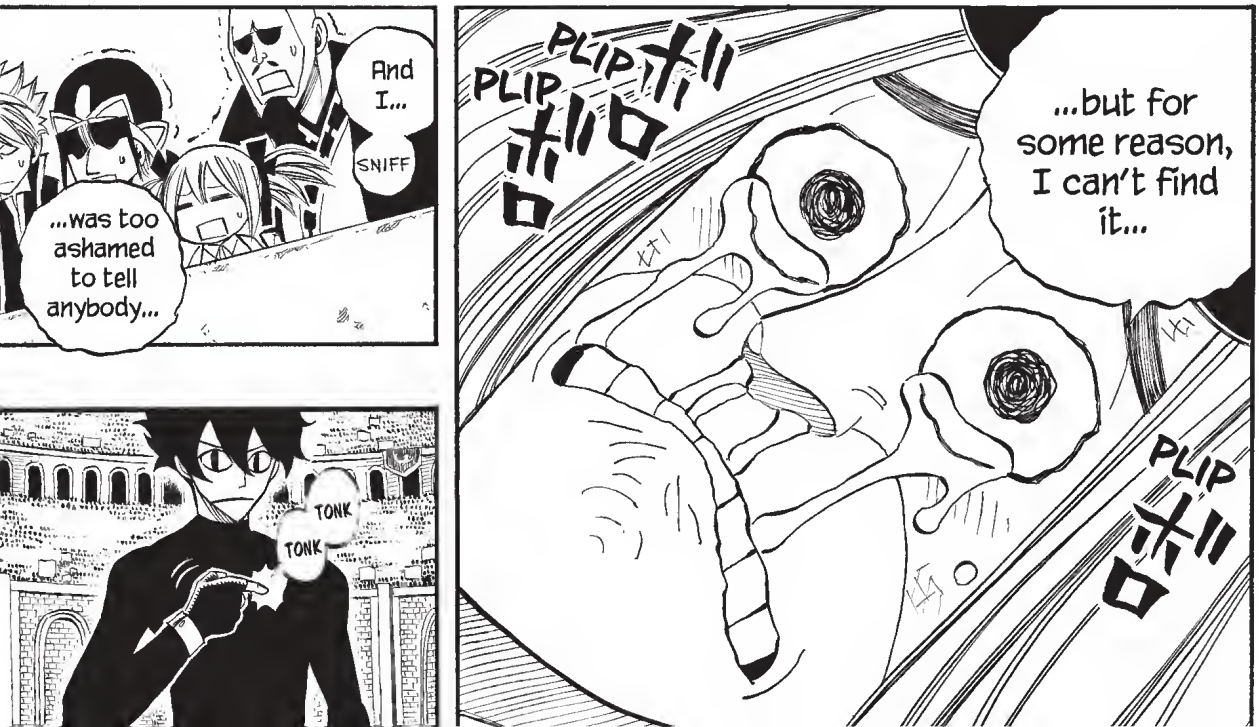

Aww!
The battle's over!!!


That brings Raven Tail to 36P!
Lamia Scale is at 20P.
So there are some who are strong without using cowardly tactics.

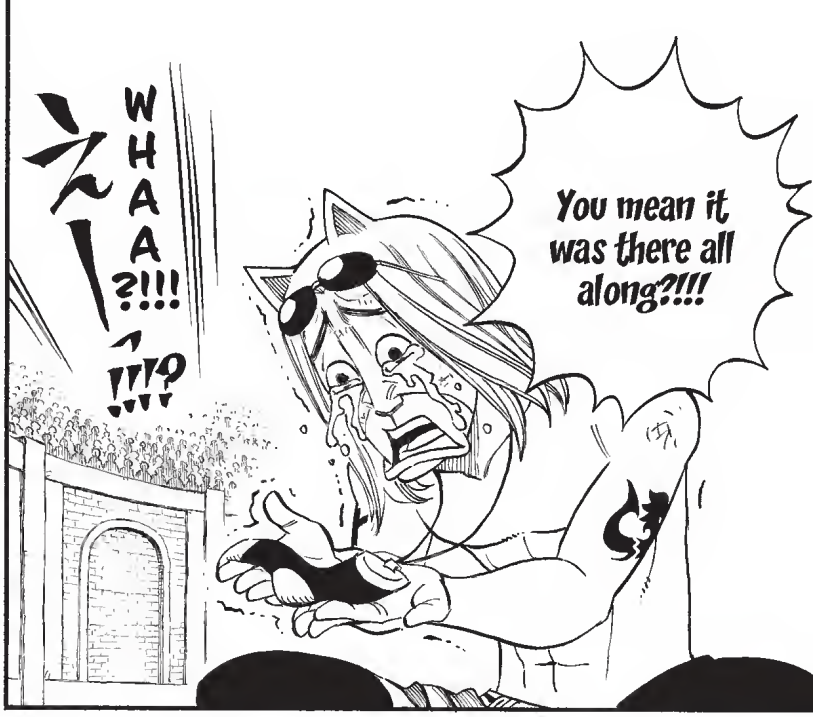
Yeah... I don't think he even got serious this time.
He's strong.


My socks...
What's your secret?
So?


I've been looking for three months...
I...can never find my other sock!


And I...
SNIFF
...was too ashamed to tell anybody...
TONK
TONK
PLIP
PLIP
...but for some reason, I can't find it...
PLIP

You're...a really good guy...
Ohhm!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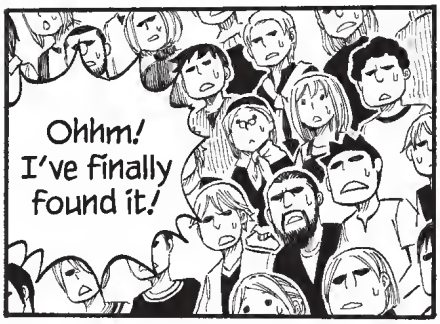
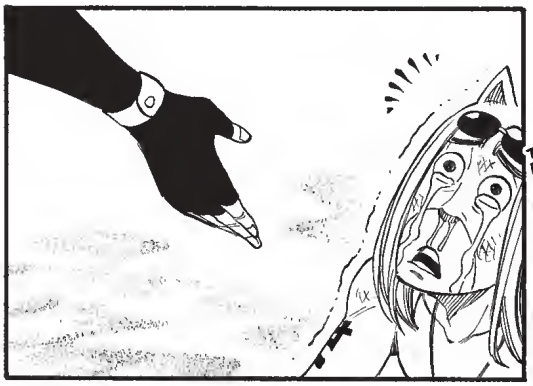
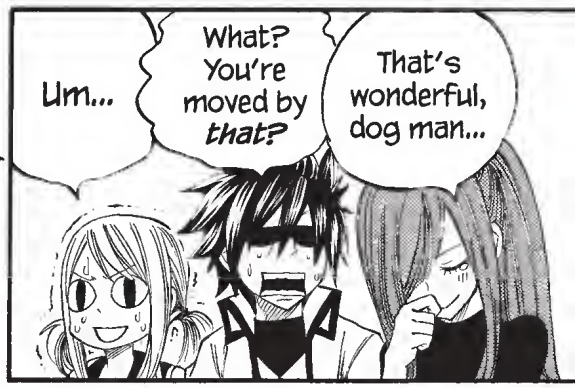
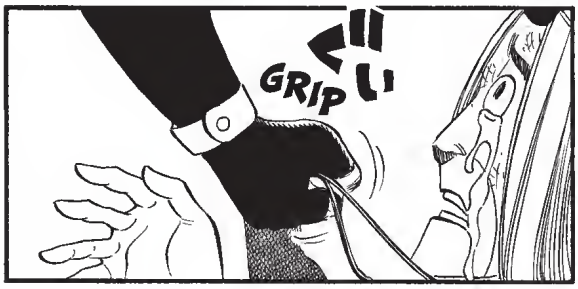
WHAA?!!!
!!!?
You mean it was there all along?!!!

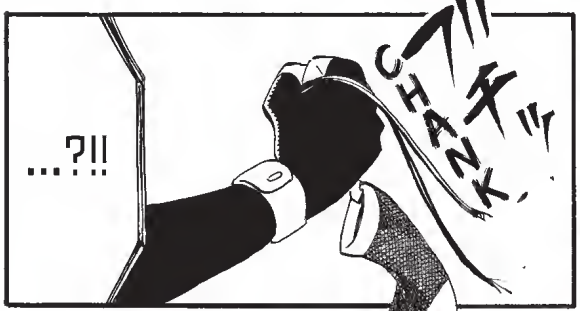

Ohhm! I've finally found it!



Twirl.
ぶるる
TREMBLE
ぶるる
TREMBLE


Um...
What? You're moved by that?
That's wonderful, dog man...

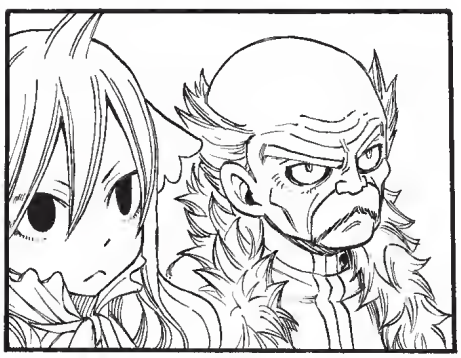

GRIP
ギュ
!!

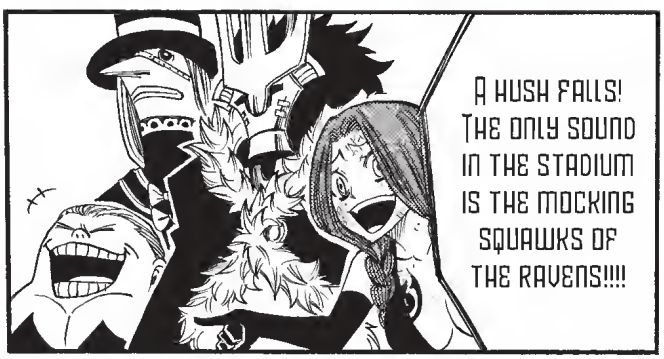

...?!!
ブチッ
CHANK

WHOA!!!
オオッ!!!
LOOK AT THAT! AFTER THEIR HARD-FOUGHT BATTLE, THE CONTESTANTS GO TO SHAKE HANDS...!!

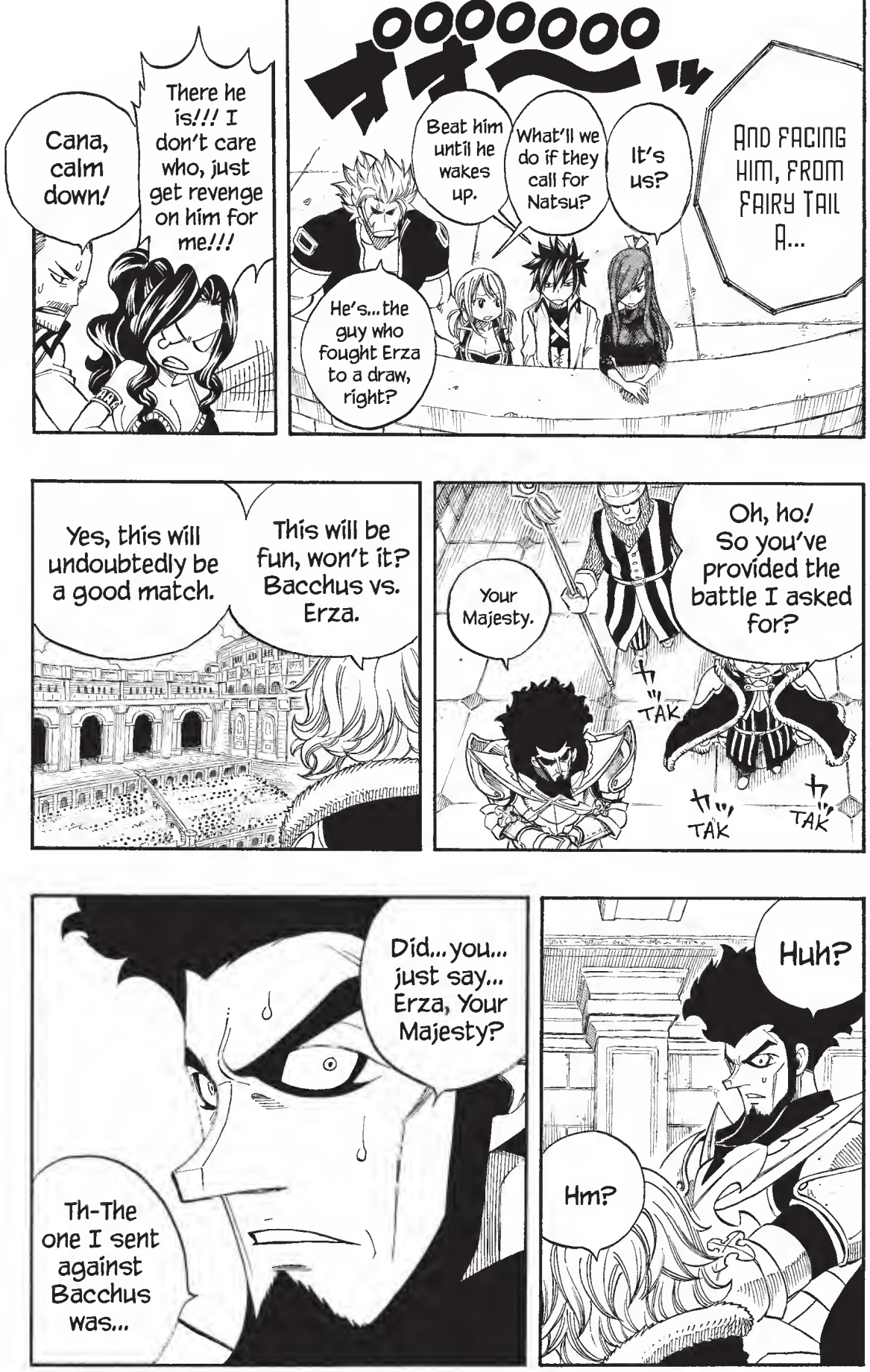
RIIIIIIP
NO, THEY AREN'T !!!!
HOW AWFUL!!!
THAT'S TOO HORRIBLE!!!!

おおーん
おおーん
おおーん
The more precious something is, the more I want to destroy it.
But that's just me.

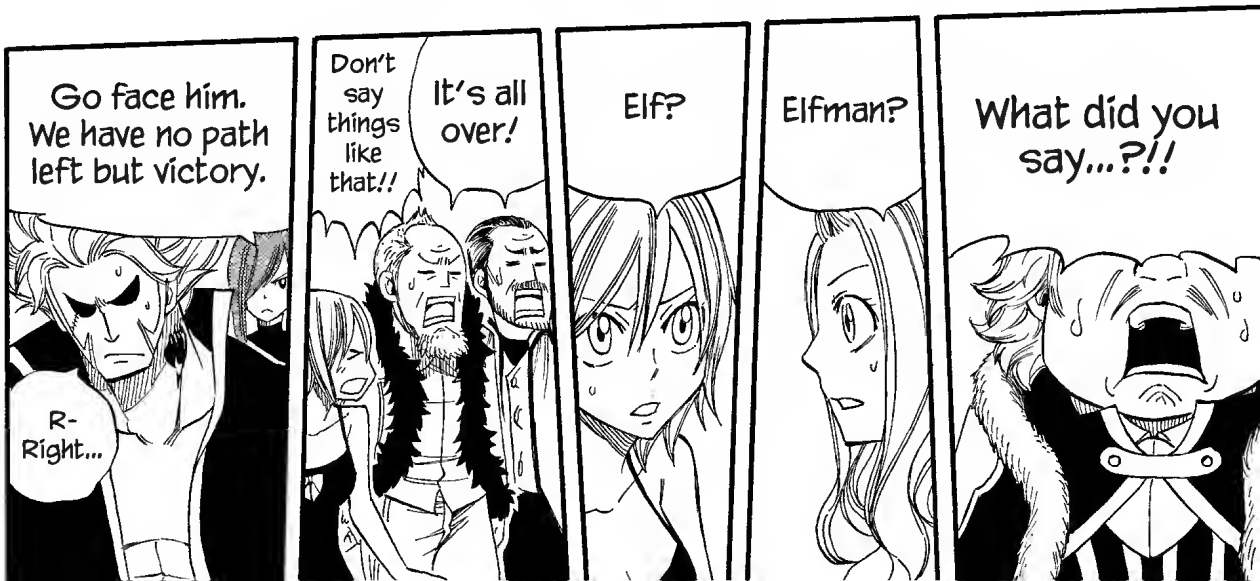



A HUSH FALLS! THE ONLY SOUND IN THE STADIUM IS THE MOCKING SQUAWKS OF THE RAVENS!!!!

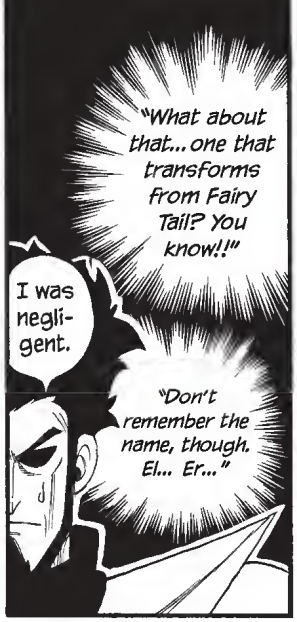
IT'S BACCHUS FROM QUATRO CERBERUS !!!!
WHEE!
NOW, TO GET THE BAD TASTE OUT OF OUR MOUTHS, HERE'S OUR SECOND BATTLE!


Cana, calm down!
There he is!!! I don't care who, just get revenge on him for me!!!
オオーーーッ
He's... the guy who fought Erza to a draw, right?
Beat him until he wakes up.
What'll we do if they call for Natsu?
It's us?
And facing him, from Fairy Tail A...
Yes, this will undoubtedly be a good match.
This will be fun, won't it? Bacchus vs. Erza.
Your Majesty.
Oh, ho! So you've provided the battle I asked for?
TAK
TAK
TAK
Th-The one I sent against Bacchus was...
Did... you... just say... Erza, Your Majesty?
Hm?
Huh?

Elfman !!!!
Ohh?!!!


Go face him. We have no path left but victory.
R-Right...
Don't say things like that!!
It's all over!
Elf?
Elfman?
What did you say...?!!

This will be no match at all!!!
Bacchus will win hands down, and you know it!!!


"What about that... one that transforms from Fairy Tail? You know!!"
I was negligent.
"Don't remember the name, though. El... Er..."

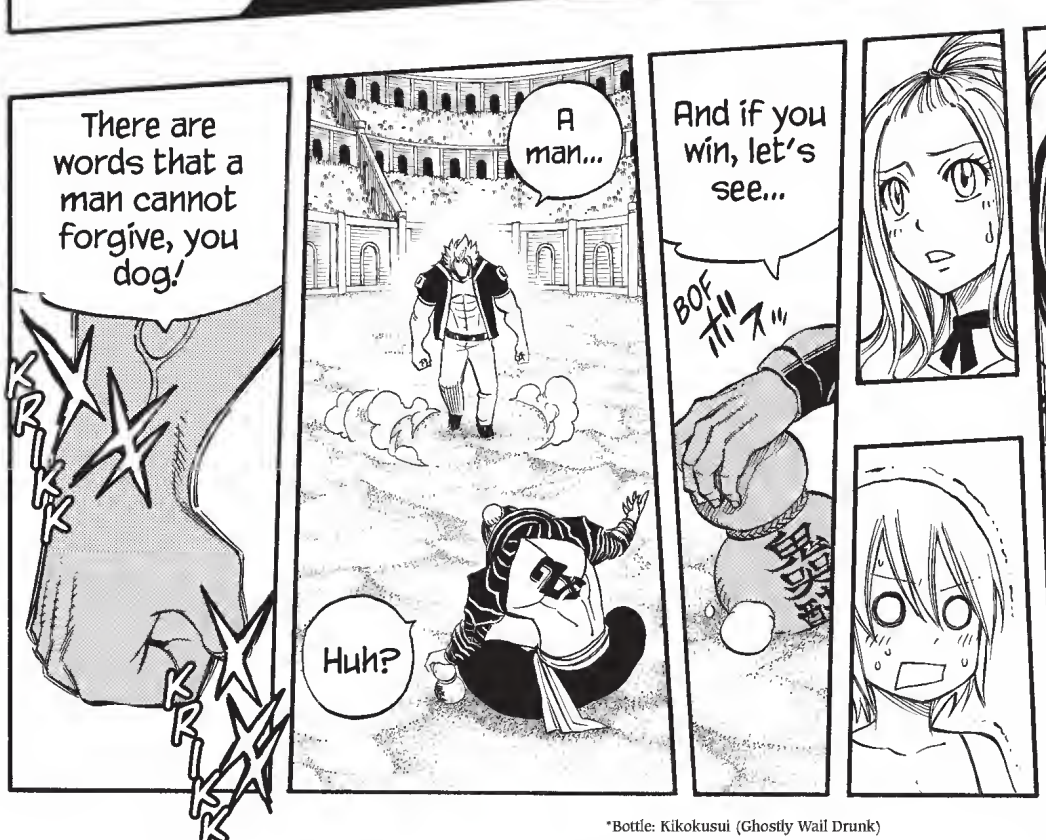
The match we wished to see was Bacchus vs. Erza!!!
I humbly beg your forgiveness.

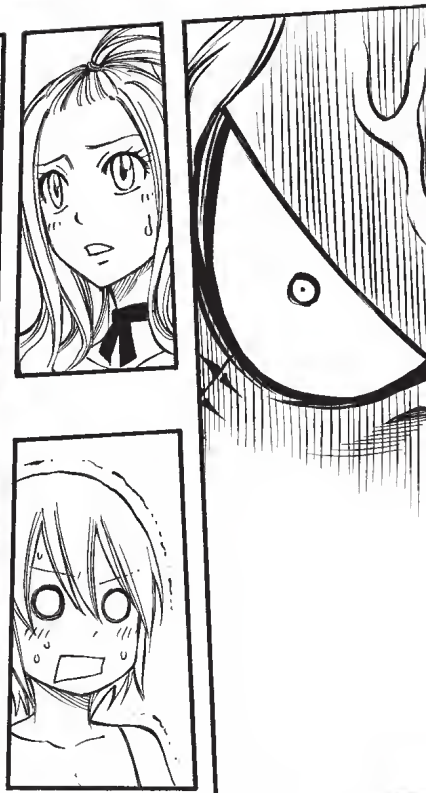
I-I imagine so...

Your sisters are really pretty girls.

Mm.
Hey... How about we make a bet like the two who fought here a minute ago?

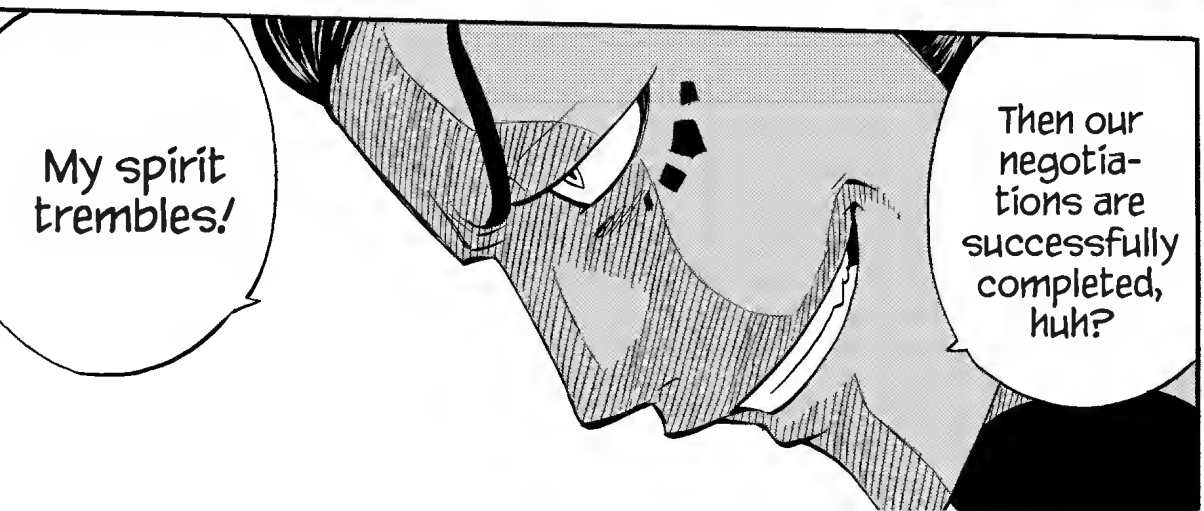
Hang tough, Fairy Tail!
But against Bacchus ...
Is that big guy good or something?





*Bottle: Kikokusui (Ghostly Wail Drunk)

I'll break you to pieces!


My spirit trembles!
Then our negotia-tions are successfully completed, huh?

Wendy ?
Carla?
Where'd every-body go?
Old lady?
Hm?
Ahhh... That was a good sleep!
I smell some guys I've never smelled before...
Hm?

KREEECH
SKRRRCH
FAIRY TAIL
This way!!
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP
SNIFF
SNIFF
!!
There they are!!!!

Chapter 278:
Elfman vs. Bacchus

FAIRY TAIL

Run !!
Oh, no!!
Where do you think you're taking Wendy and Carla?!!!
DMP A!! DMP A!! DMP A!! DMP... A!!
Aaah!! He's really fast!!!!
Isn't he the one who wobbled slowly through the last race?!
DMP!!! DMP!!! DMP!!!
Hold it right there !!!!
SHAKK
This is the best way to handle a wizard...
Thanks !!
KACHIK
Leave him to me!!

Freez—
Outta my way!
Oof!!

Give me back my friends !!!!
You jerks !!!!
D-Don't talk stupid!!!!
We got no choice!! Let's dump the other two!!!
What'll we do?!
He's about to catch up with us!!
He's really scary, that jerk!!!
What's with that guy?!!
She's not a girl, she's ancient !!!
Hey, wait! The granny's still a girl!
Then why bring them with us in the first place?!
Grannies and cats aren't girls!
TWITCH
The order was to grab the girl who was in the team infirmary!!

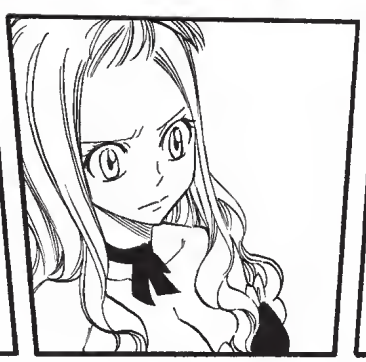
Who do you work for?!
KA BAAM
RAAH
RAAH
It's all over!!!
Waa!!
Eee!!
RAAH
RAAH

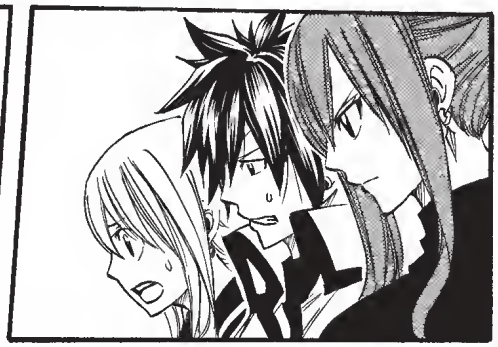
ARIAAAHH
THIS BATTLE IS COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED!!!
ELFMAN CAN'T LAY A FINGER ON BACCHUS!!!

It'll be a dream night with two gorgeous sisters!
I like it!

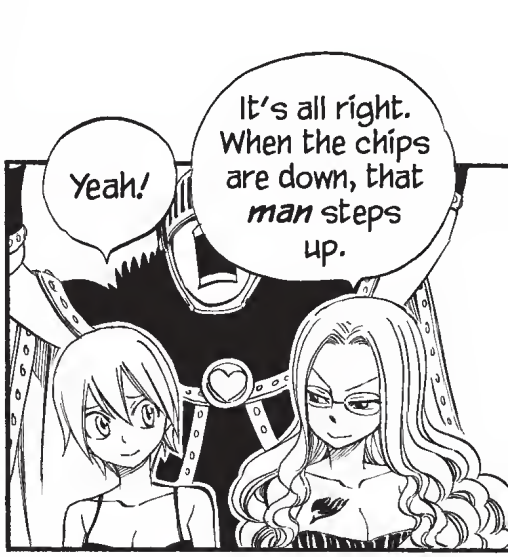
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH

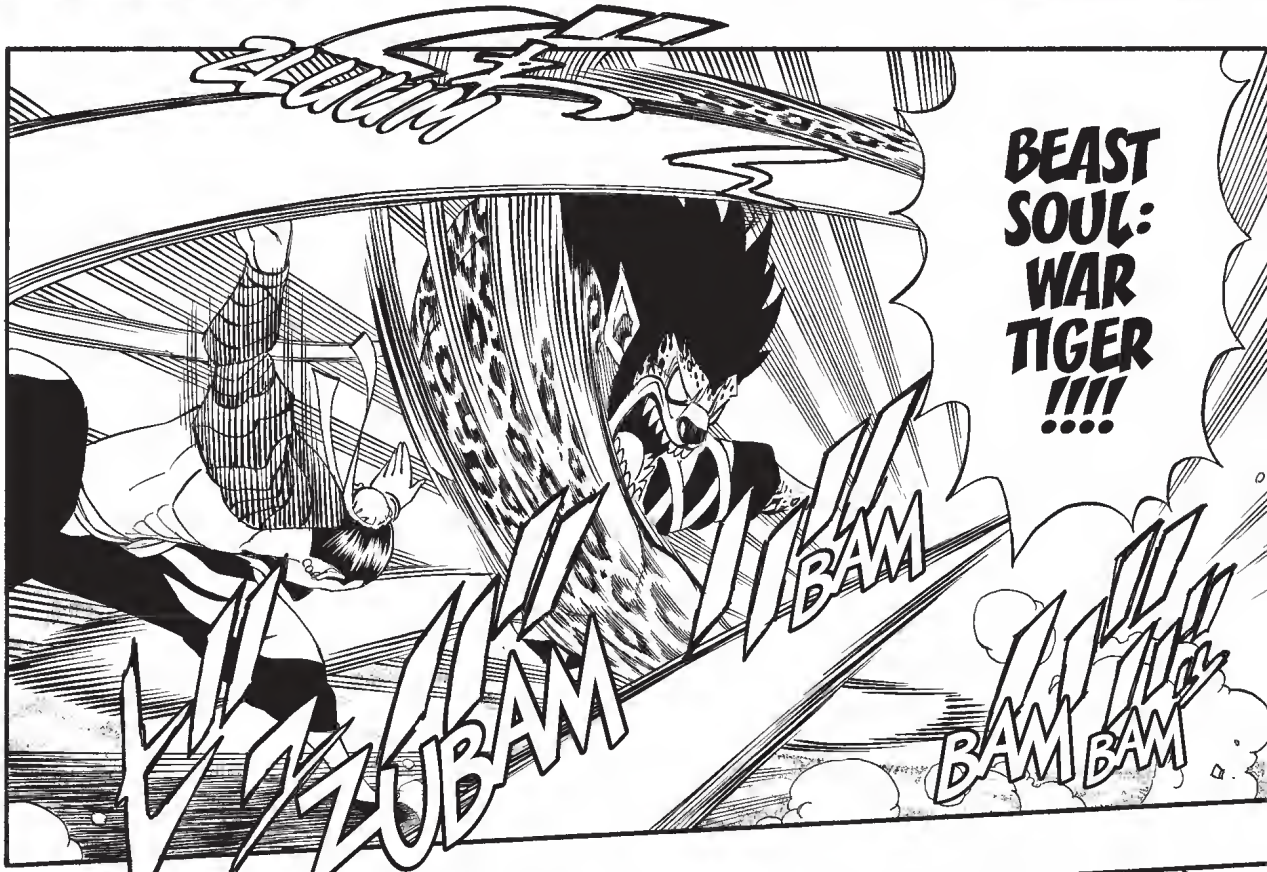
Elf...



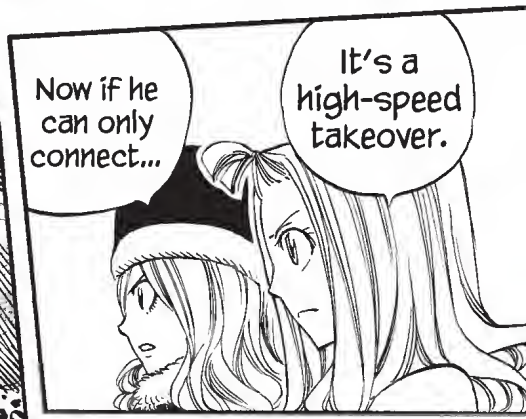


KEEEN
KRIK KRIK KRIK
KEEEEN
ZOOOM
HYOOOOHH !!!!!

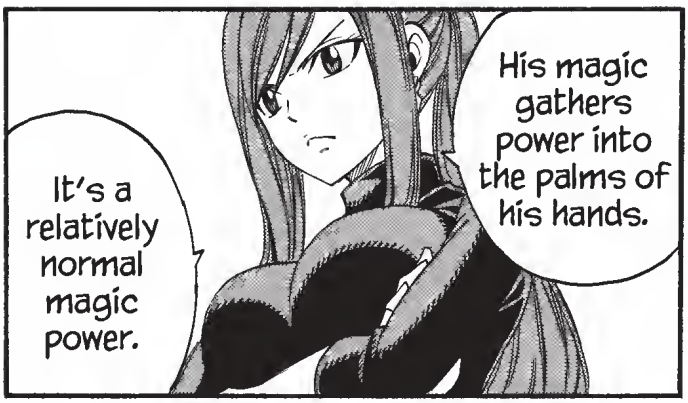

Yeah!
It's all right. When the chips are down, that *man* steps up.

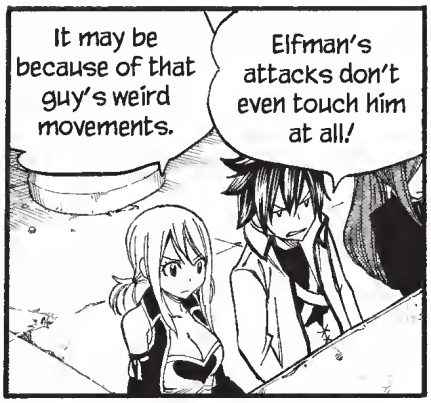

ZUUUM
BEAST SOUL: WAR TIGER !!!!
ZUBAM
BAM
BAM BAM

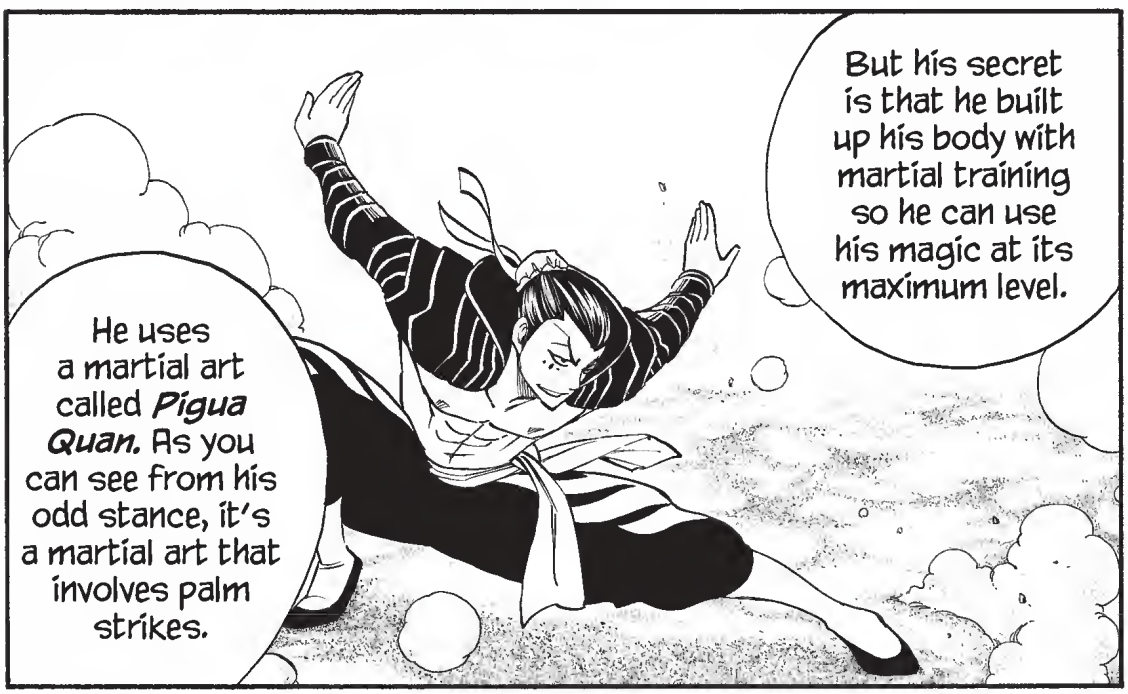
ZOOOM


Now if he can only connect...
It's a high-speed takeover.

ZAM
ZAM
ZAM
KRAK
THWAKAM
Wild?
FWOOH!!!!

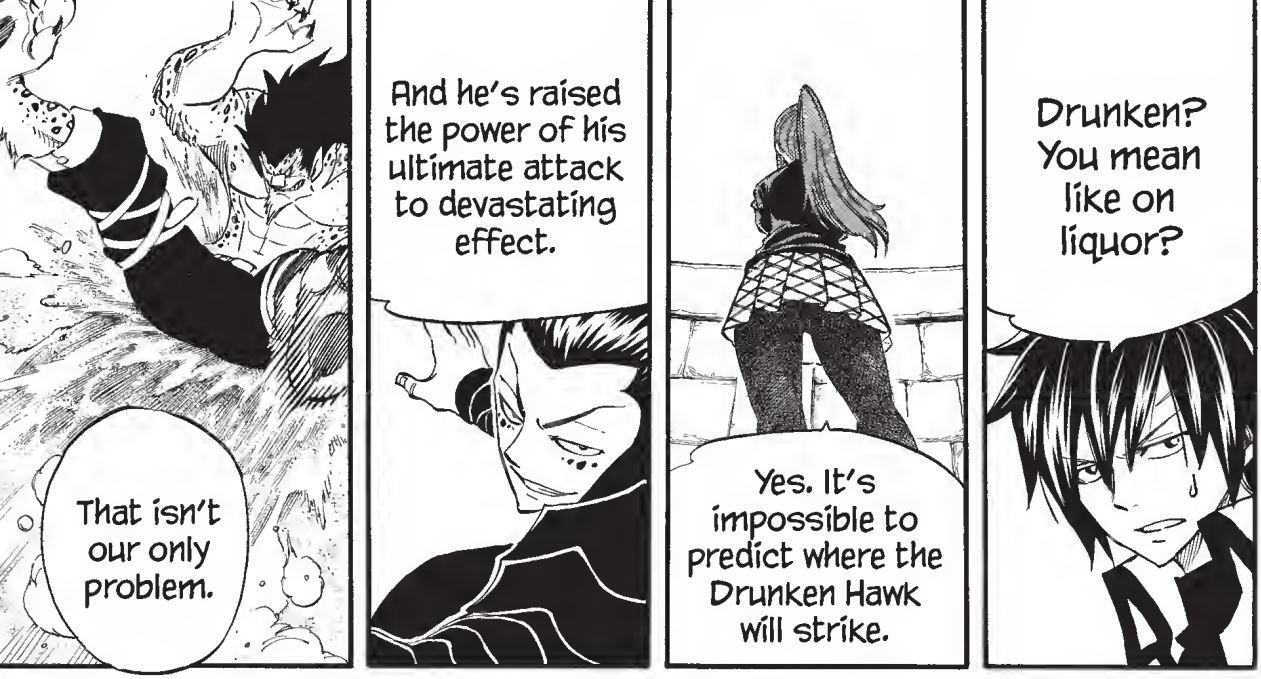

It's a relatively normal magic power.
His magic gathers power into the palms of his hands.


It may be because of that guy's weird movements.
Elfman's attacks don't even touch him at all!


He uses a martial art called *Pigua Quan.* As you can see from his odd stance, it's a martial art that involves palm strikes.
But his secret is that he built up his body with martial training so he can use his magic at its maximum level.

He's blended it to make a style called *Drunken Pigua Quan.*

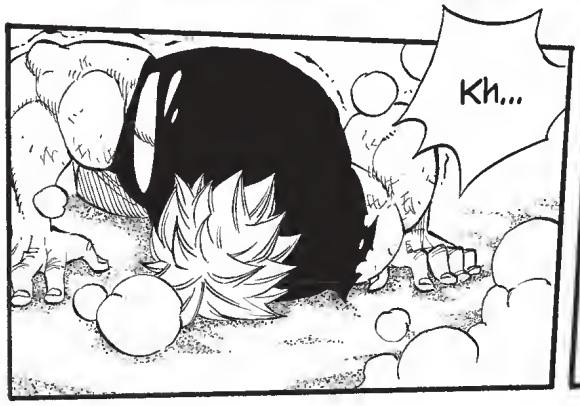
Another frightening aspect is that he's taken this martial art and changed it to suit him personally.


That isn't our only problem.
And he's raised the power of his ultimate attack to devastating effect.
Yes. It's impossible to predict where the Drunken Hawk will strike.
Drunken? You mean like on liquor?

He hasn't drunk a drop of the liquor in that bottle.

Hyooh!
He hasn't even gotten serious yet?
That means ...

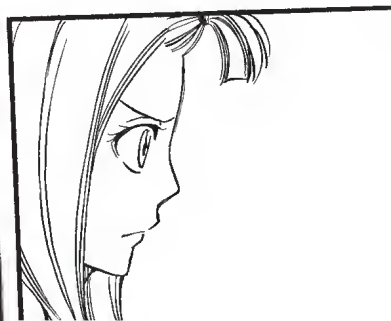
WHAM
WAAH
!!!!


Kh...

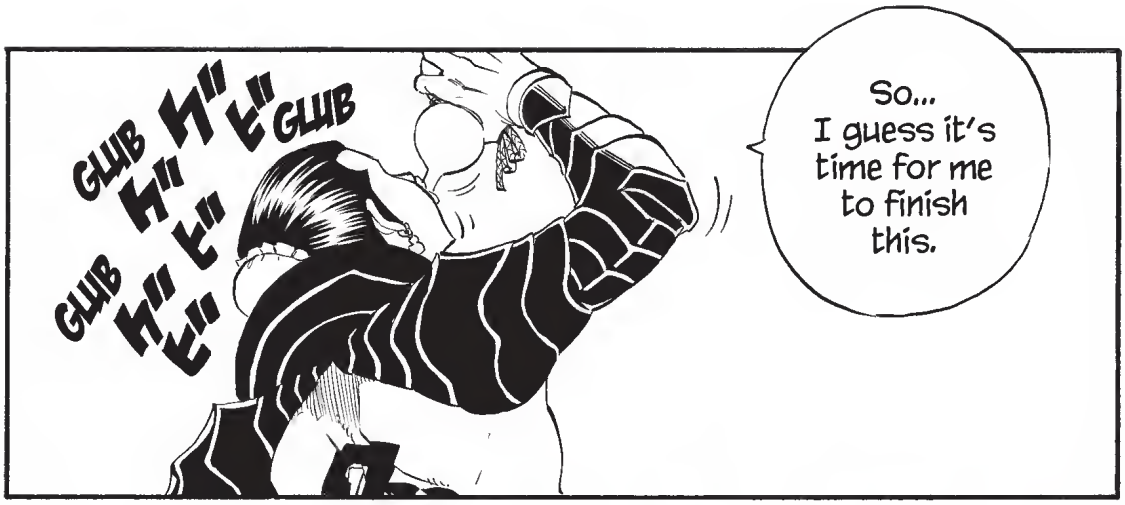
You're a man, right?
You'd better keep that promise!

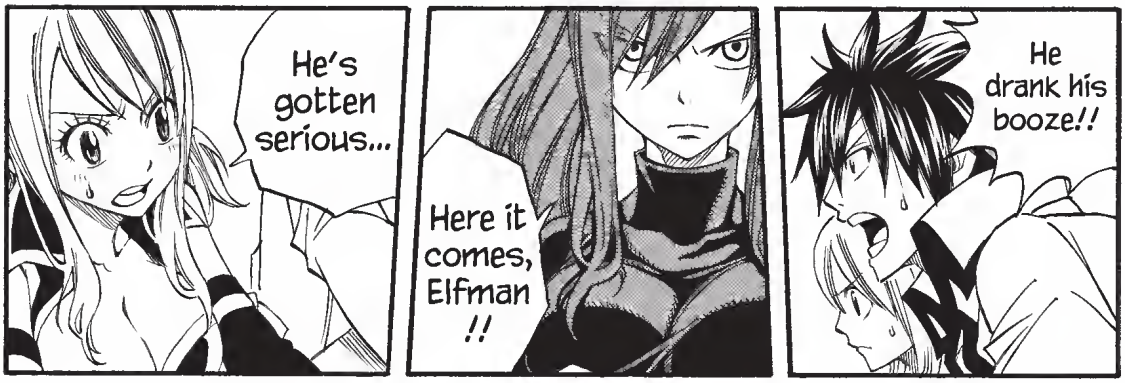
...I'm taking the referee position.
By the way, since our Grand Magic Games official mascot and referee, Mato-kun,
is taking a well-deserved break...
Coool!
Really?
CHATTER
A break?!
You... could have let somebody else take the costume, right?

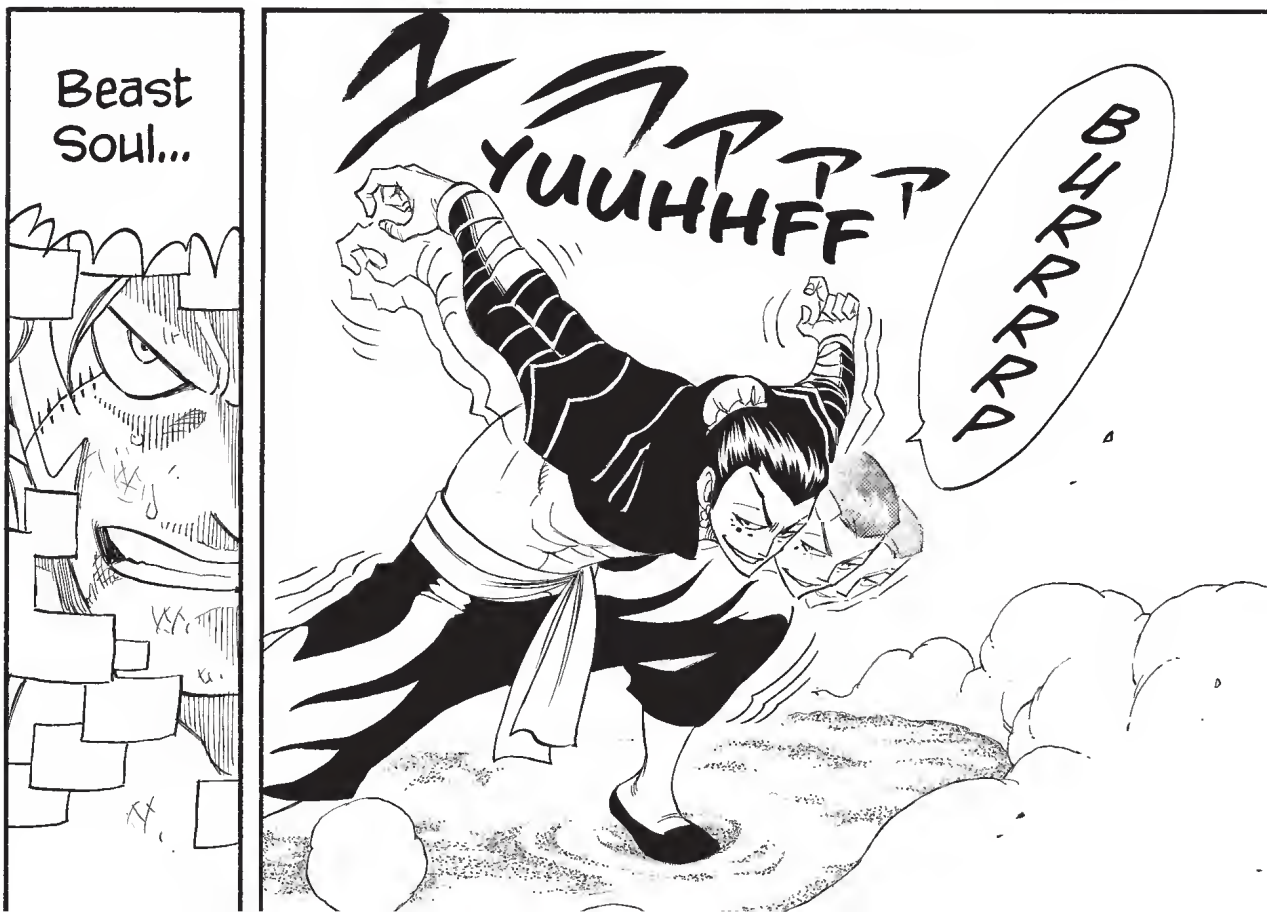
Can it be that Elfman CAN'T get up?!



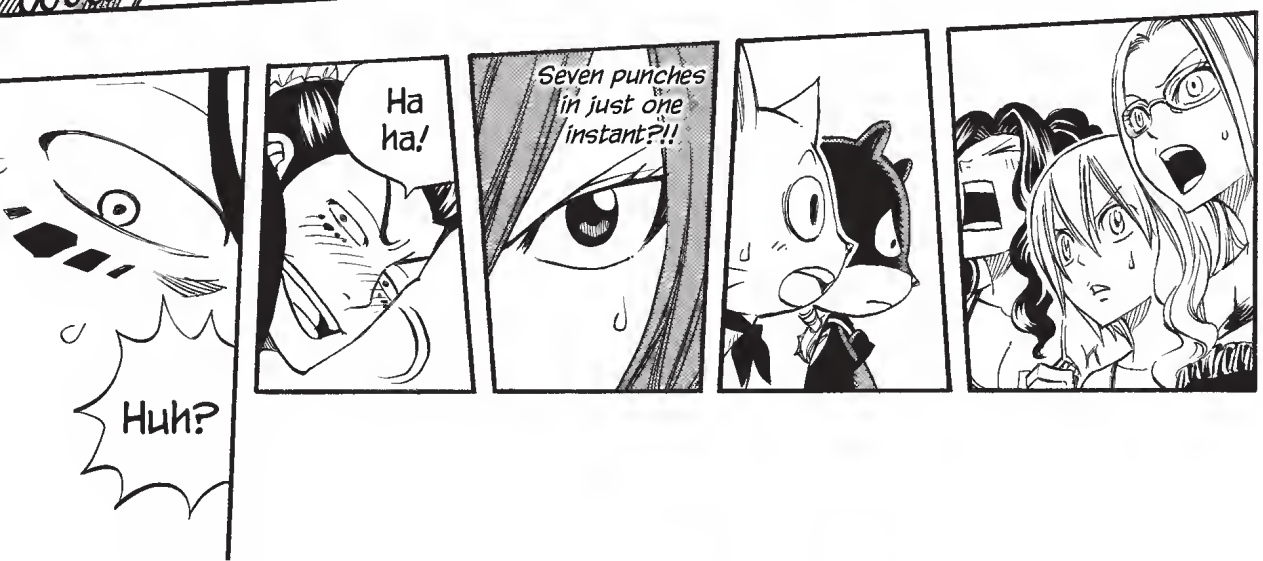
By the way, we haven't decided on your end, Mr. Hound Dog.
Hm?
Our bet... What happens if I win?
It's completely impossible, so...
...sure! Say it. Whatever you want.
If I win, your guild name...
...for the rest of the games will be Quatro Puppy.
HAH!
WHAAA?!
SLUMP
Okay. Okay!!
It's decided !!


GLUB
GLUB
So... I guess it's time for me to finish this.

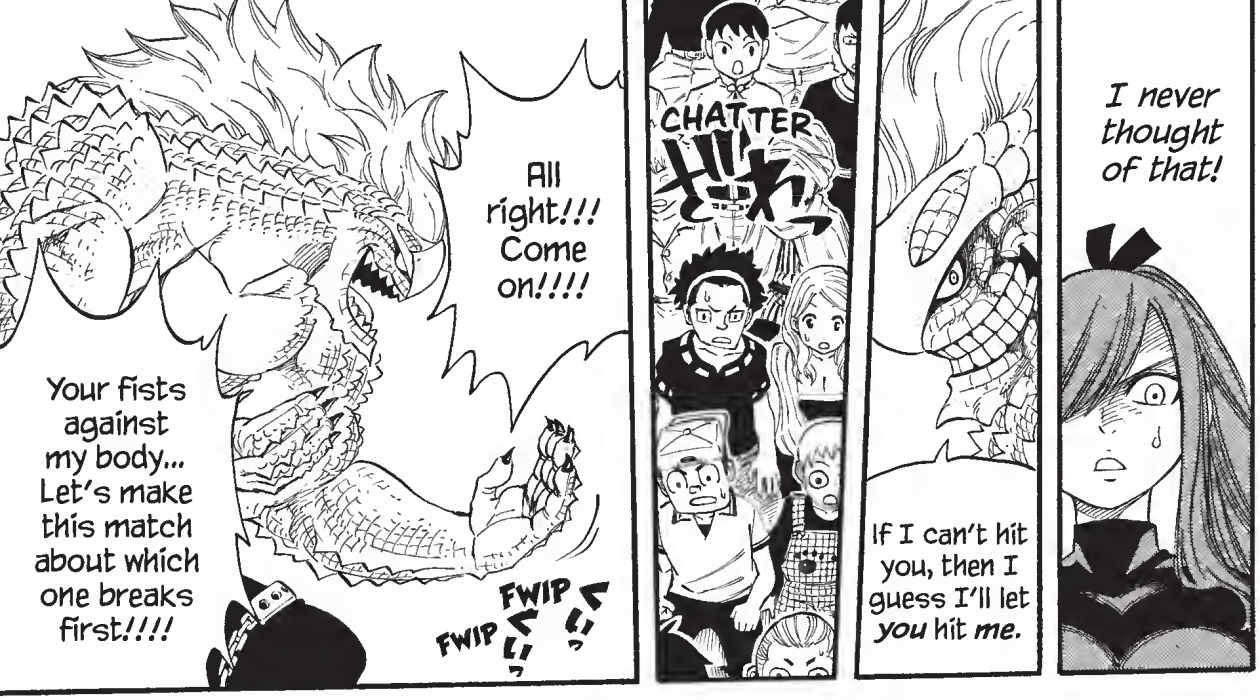

He's gotten serious...
Here it comes, Elfman !!
He drank his booze!!

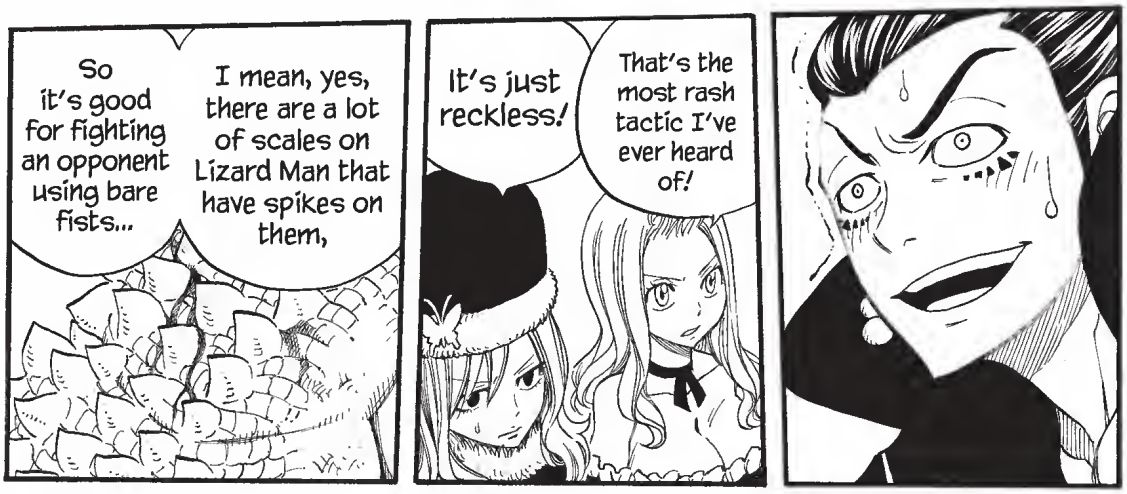

Beast Soul...
YUUHHFF
BURRRRD

No chance !!!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM


Huh?
Ha ha!
Seven punches in just one instant?!!

What is this?!!!
My hands !!!
LIZARD MAN!
YOIK

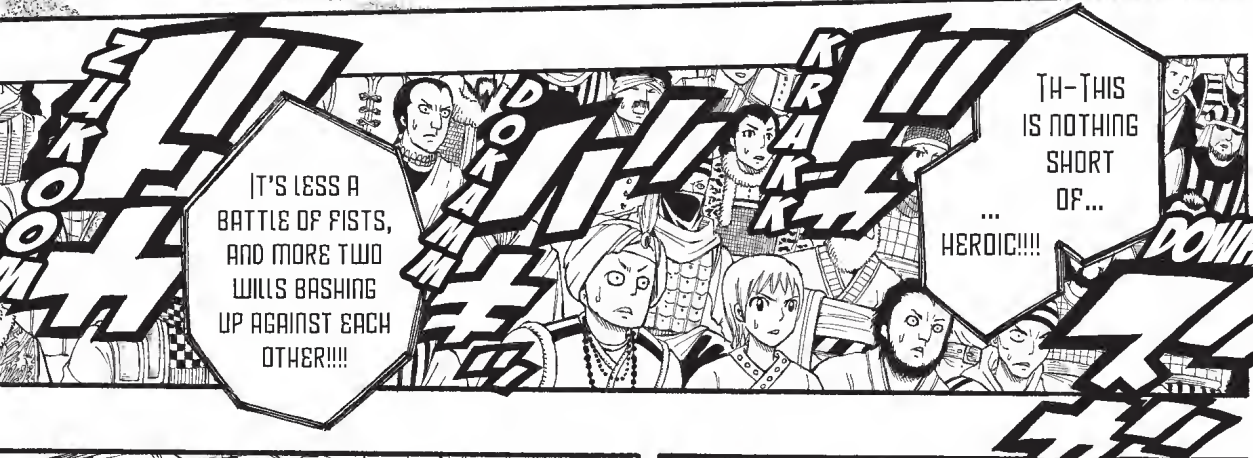

All right!!! Come on!!!!
Your fists against my body... Let's make this match about which one breaks first!!!!
FWIP
FWIP
CHATTER
If I can't hit you, then I guess I'll let *you* hit *me*.
I never thought of that!


So it's good for fighting an opponent using bare fists...
I mean, yes, there are a lot of scales on Lizard Man that have spikes on them,
It's just reckless!
That's the most rash tactic I've ever heard of!

What do you say ?!!!
But his opponent this time has already broken a number of those scales in the first attack!
I feel my spirit trembling !!!!
Heh heh! You're pretty fun!!!!

GUFF !!
ZHUBAM
BA-BAM
ZUVATT
ZHUBAM
DOKAHH
ZAVATT
KRAKOW

DOOM
DOOM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM


ZUKOOM
DOKAAM
KRAK
DONHAM
IT'S LESS A BATTLE OF FISTS, AND MORE TWO WILLS BASHING UP AGAINST EACH OTHER!!!!
TH-THIS IS NOTHING SHORT OF... ... HEROIC!!!!

...AND THE OTHER STRAINING THE LIMITS OF ENDURANCE!
ONE STRAINING THE LIMITS OF ATTACK...

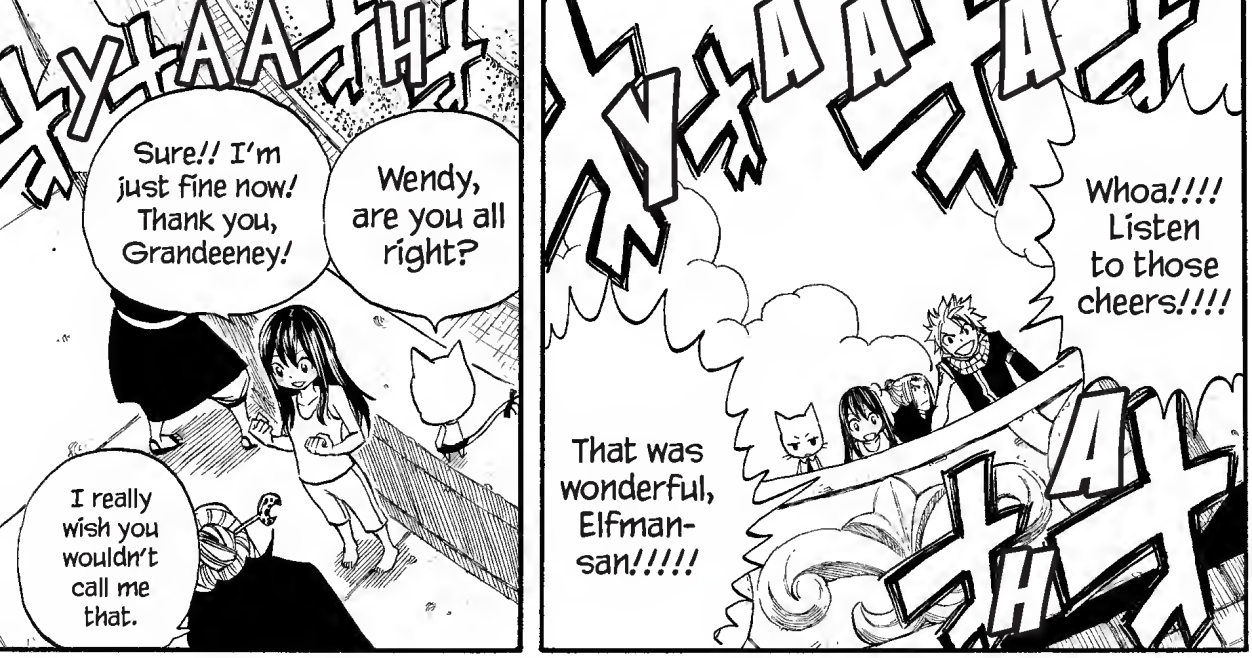
...THE VICTOR?!!!
...WILL COME OUT...
SO WHICH...

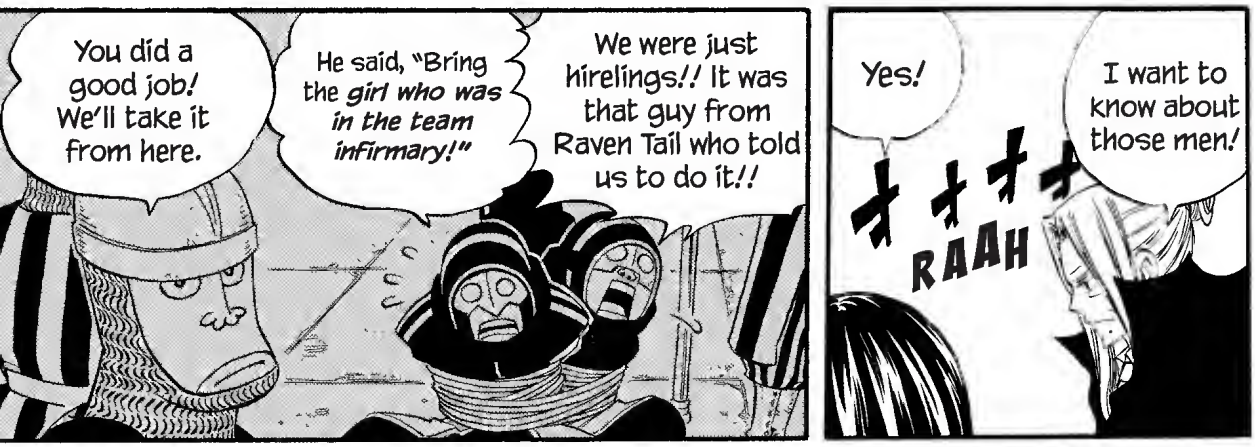
FWOOOM
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAA
HAH
HAH
HAH

You... said your... name was... Elfman?
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAH
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
WHEEZE
PANT
WHEEZE
PANT
HAA
HAA
Wa ha ha ha!
Wa ha ha ha ha !!!
ZWIKK
AND THE ONE STANDING IS BACCHUS!!!!
HA は HA は HA は HA は HA は HA は HA は
You really are...

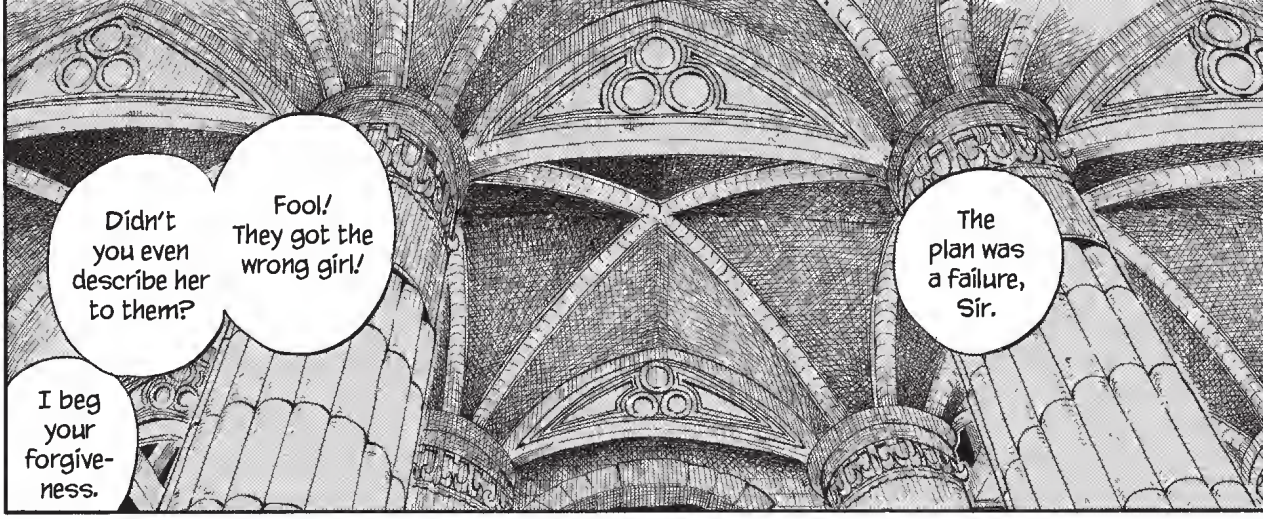
BOOOM
...A MAN!!!!!

BAC-CHUS IS DOWN !!!!
HE'S DOWN !!!!
WHICH BRINGS THEM TO 12P!!!
"Puppy" ...?
FAIRY TAIL A GAINS 10P!!!
THE WINNER IS ELFMAN!!!!
DOES THIS WAR CRY SIGNAL THE RESURGENCE OF FAIRY TAIL?!!!
ROOOAHH!!!
ELFMAN!!!! HE CHALKS UP A WIN AGAINST AN EXTREMELY POWERFUL OPPONENT!!!!
Coool! Coool!! Coool!!!


Sure!! I'm just fine now! Thank you, Grandeeney!
Wendy, are you all right?
I really wish you wouldn't call me that.
Whoa!!!! Listen to those cheers!!!!
That was wonderful, Elfman-san!!!!!


You did a good job! We'll take it from here.
He said, "Bring the girl who was in the team infirmary!"
We were just hirelings!! It was that guy from Raven Tail who told us to do it!!
Yes!
I want to know about those men!
RAAH

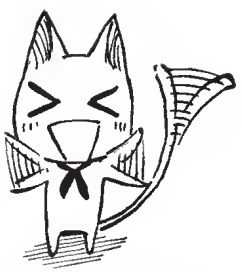
Lucy!
"Was" in the team infirmary. Past tense?
And there "was" one. Natsu carried her in...
Raven Tail!



To further Operation Eclipse!

It seems at times I have underestimated you, Elfman.
We promise to build on the victory you snatched today!
Your strength in taking a hit and your unbending spirit may make you the best in the guild.
Hey, I was shaking, Elfman!! Seriously !!!!
His performance was that impressive!
Even Erza recognizes you now!

Chapter 279:
A Door Sunken into Darkness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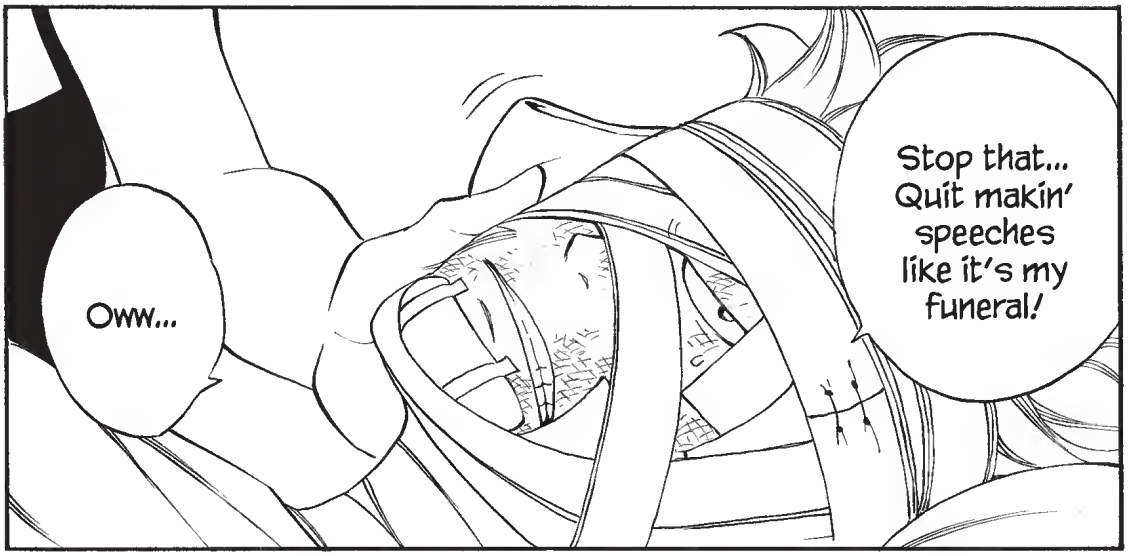
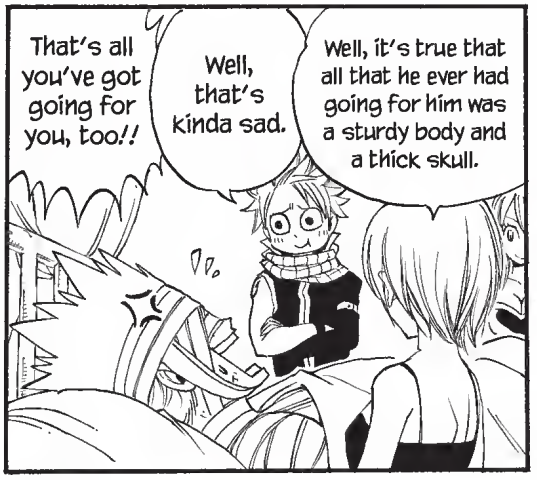
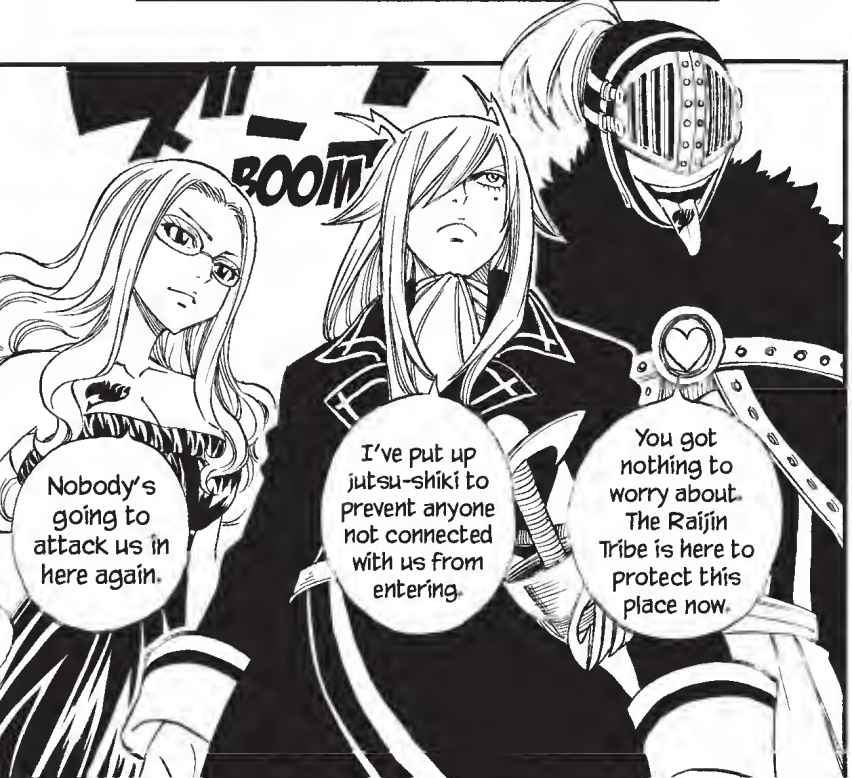
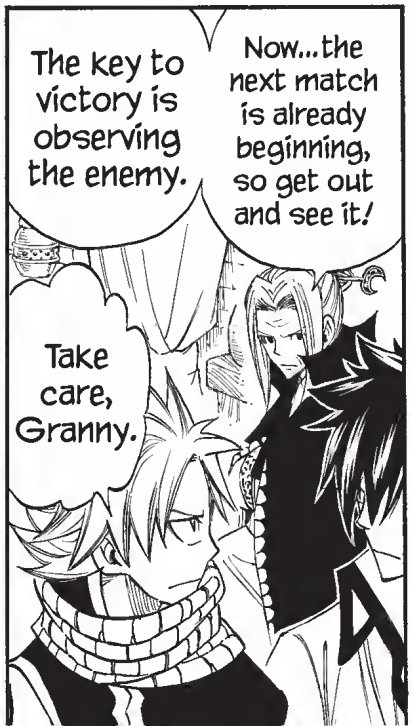
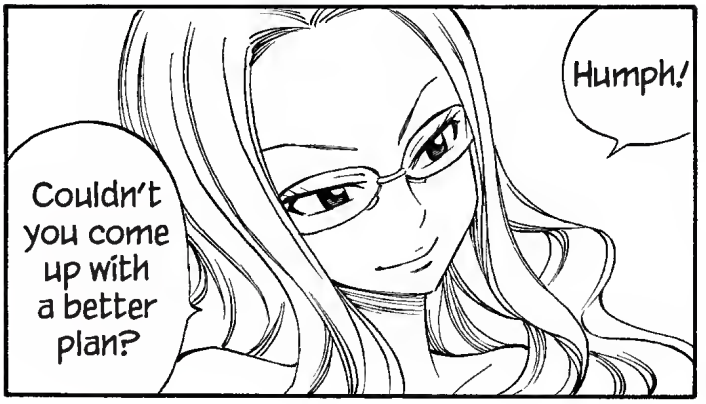

Oww...
Stop that... Quit makin' speeches like it's my funeral!

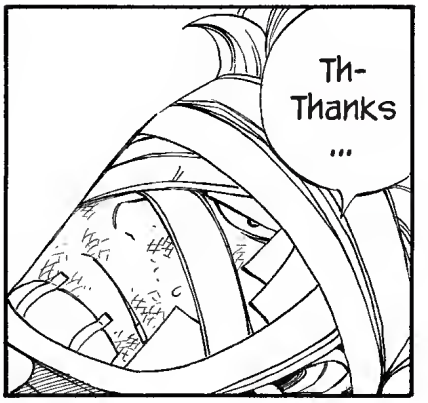
I know it's pathetic, but with me like this, I gotta ask you to take over for me, Wendy.
But you really were amazing!
I will!!!


That's all you've got going for you, too!!
Well, that's kinda sad.
Well, it's true that all that he ever had going for him was a sturdy body and a thick skull.


BOOM
Nobody's going to attack us in here again.
I've put up jutsu-shiki to prevent anyone not connected with us from entering.
You got nothing to worry about. The Raijin Tribe is here to protect this place now.


The key to victory is observing the enemy.
Now...the next match is already beginning, so get out and see it!
Take care, Granny.


Humph!
Couldn't you come up with a better plan?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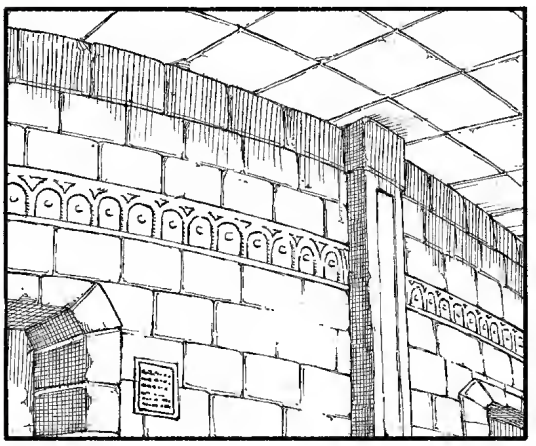
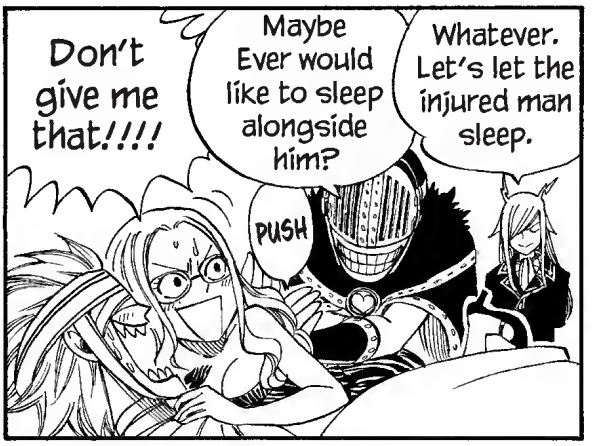
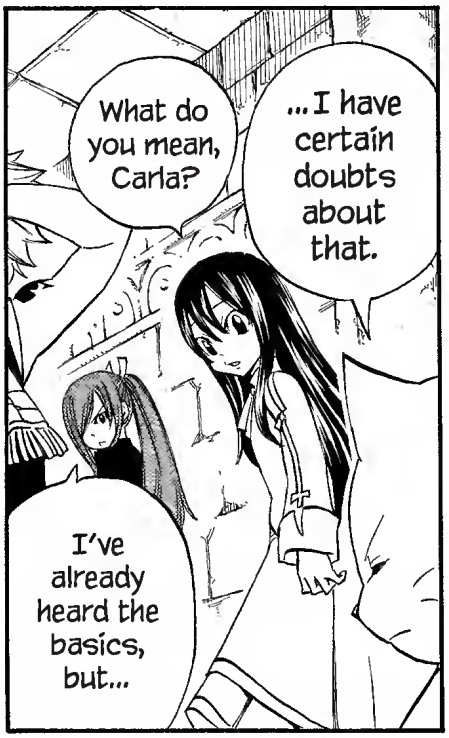



Don't give me that!!!!
Maybe Ever would like to sleep alongside him?
Whatever. Let's let the injured man sleep.
PUSH


What do you mean, Carla?
...I have certain doubts about that.
I've already heard the basics, but...

Do they intend to crush each member of our team one by one?
Then there's Raven Tail... Their tactics are just openly dirty.
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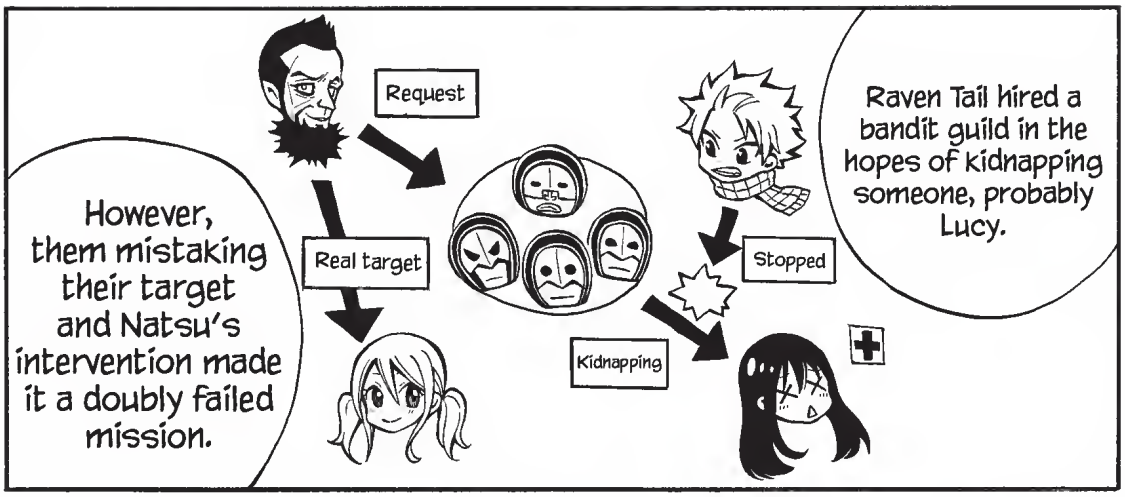
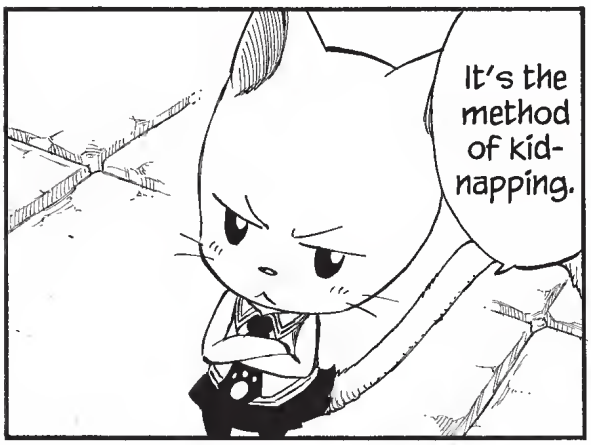
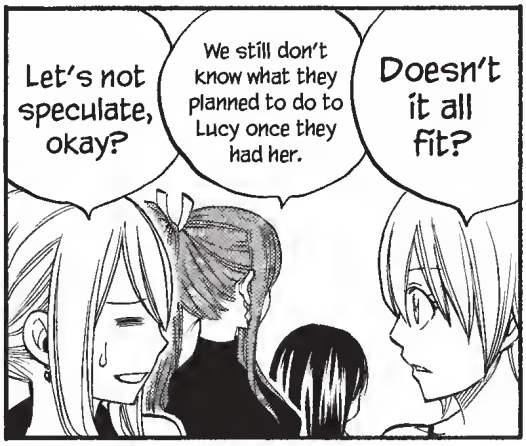
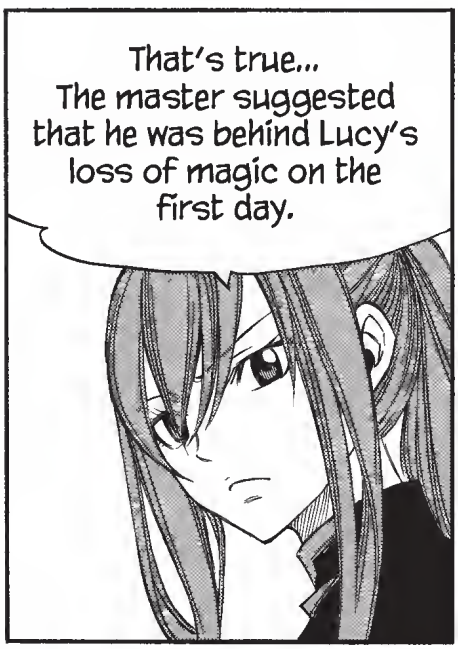
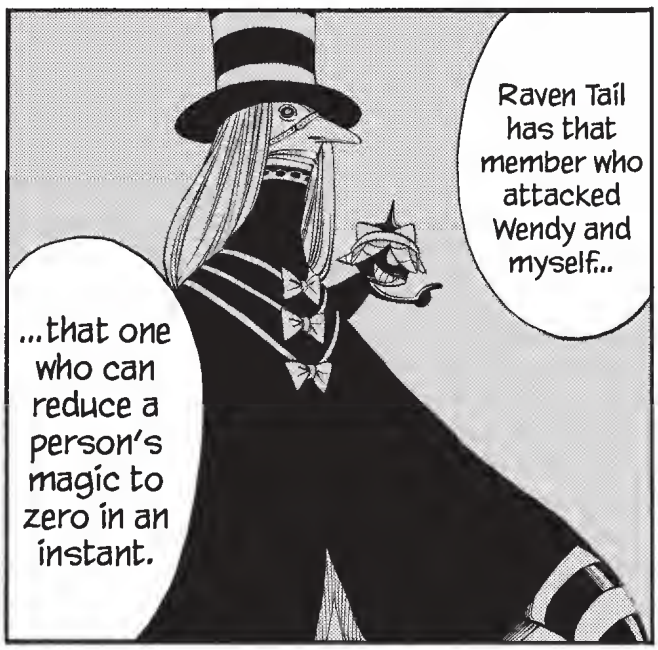
TAK


Request
Real target
Kidnapping
Stopped
Raven Tail hired a bandit guild in the hopes of kidnapping someone, probably Lucy.
However, them mistaking their target and Natsu's intervention made it a doubly failed mission.


It's the method of kid-napping.


Let's not speculate, okay?
We still don't know what they planned to do to Lucy once they had her.
Doesn't it all fit?


That's true... The master suggested that he was behind Lucy's loss of magic on the first day.


Raven Tail has that member who attacked Wendy and myself...
...that one who can reduce a person's magic to zero in an instant.

That's the rule that's needed because nobody knows who gets chosen to take part in the battles beforehand, huh?
Wouldn't that be because of the Games battle rules that require him to be close enough to the arena to participate?
So if they were that determined to kidnap a wizard...
...why wouldn't they add his abilities to the kidnappers'?
Well... Either way, it looks like we may be targeted outside the arena, and if that's true...
...we must never let our guard down, and make sure we never travel alone.
You're just overthinking this, Carla!
Yeah... We already know that they don't care what methods they use as long as they get results.
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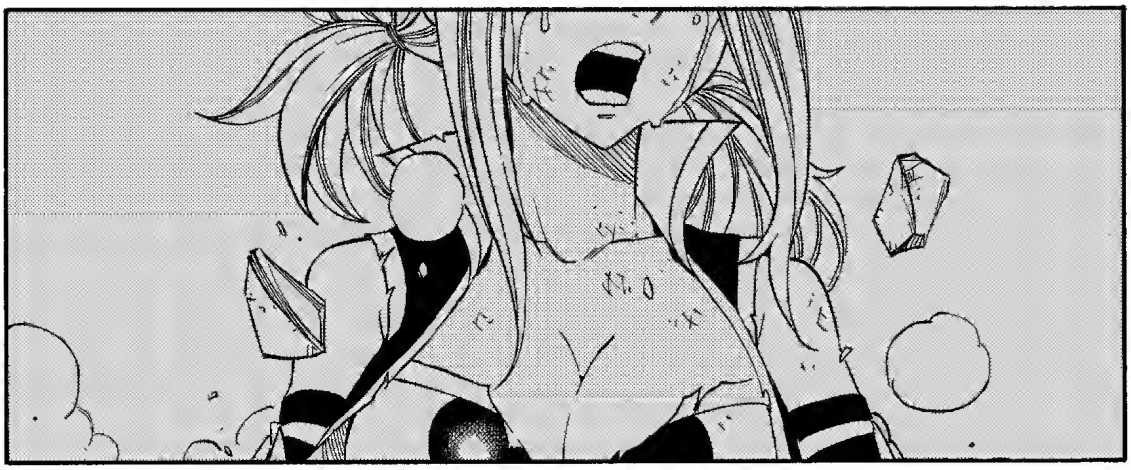
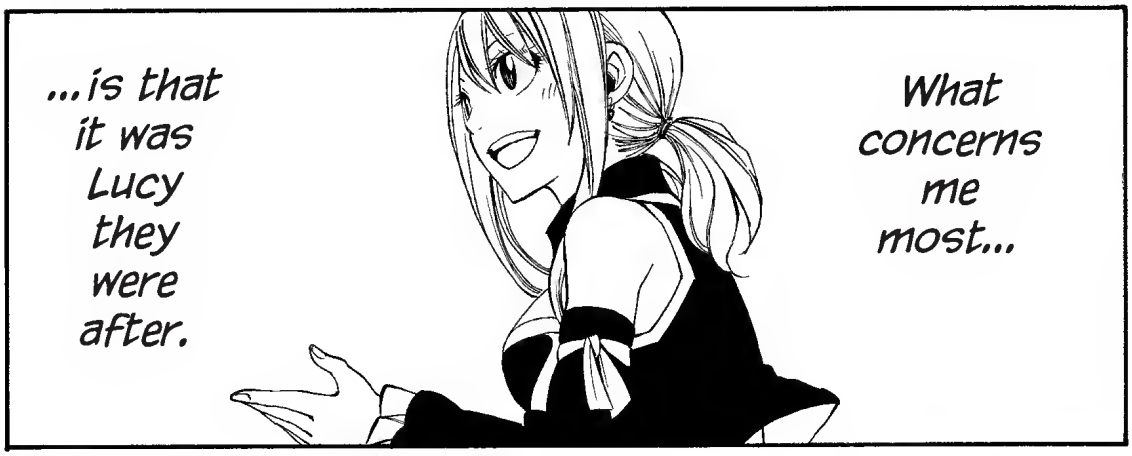
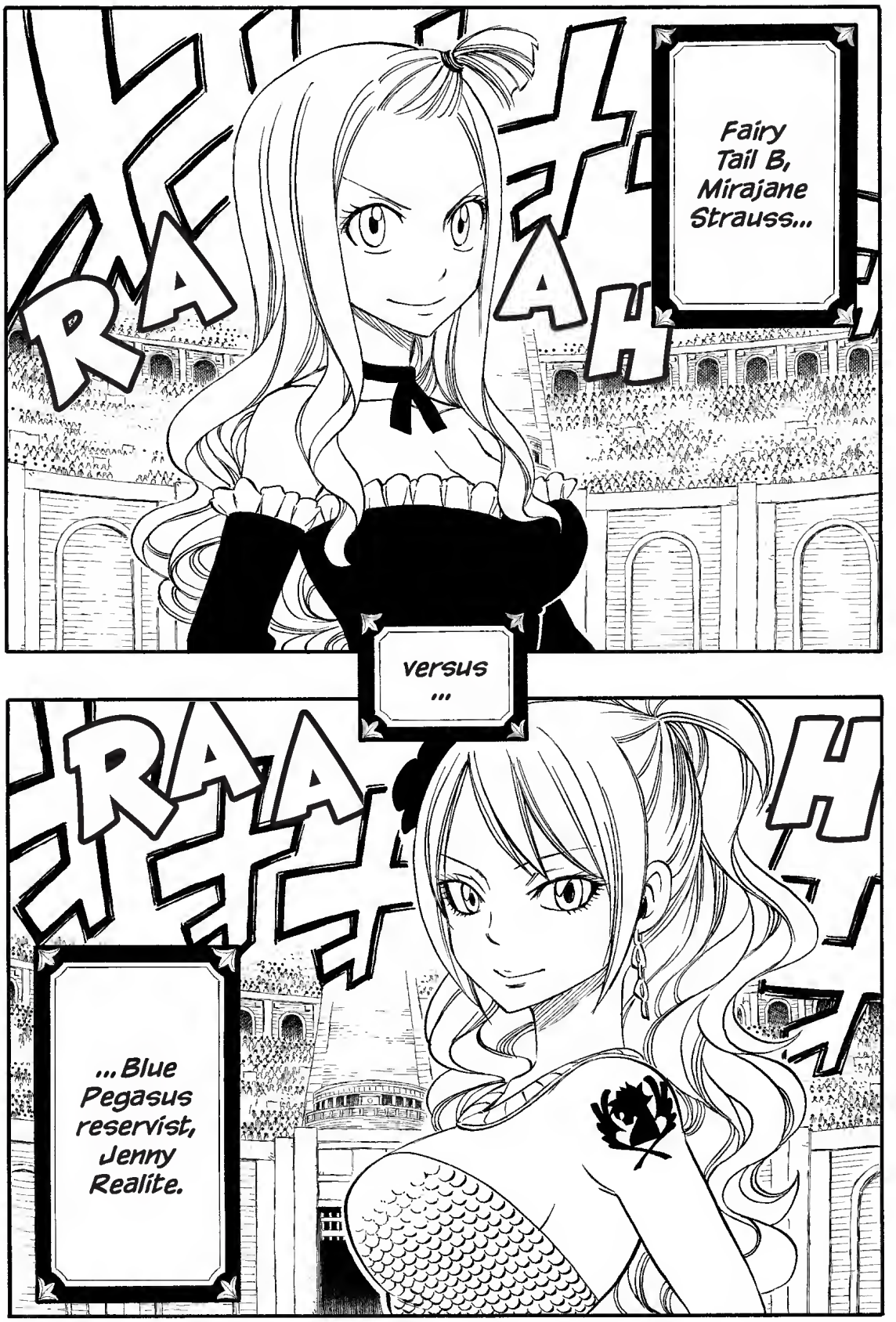



...is that it was Lucy they were after.
What concerns me most...

AHAHAHA
Grand Magic Games, second day...
...third match.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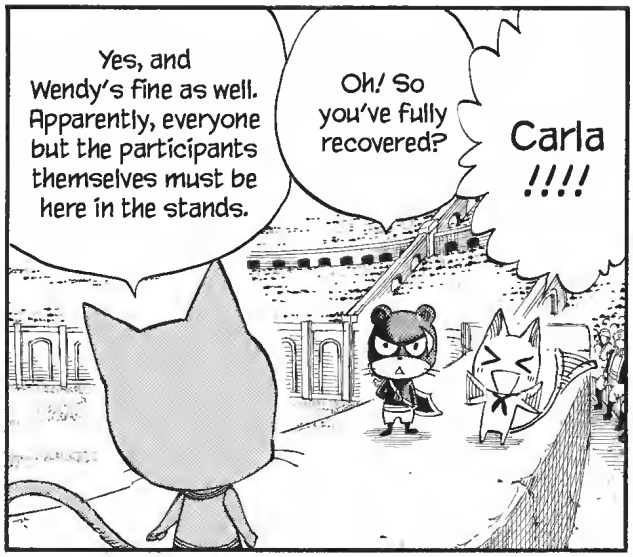
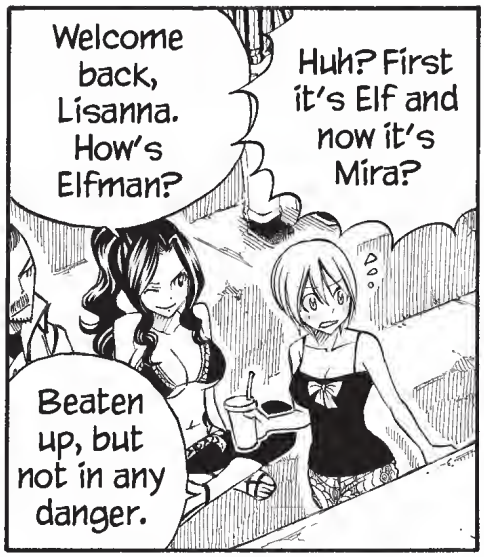
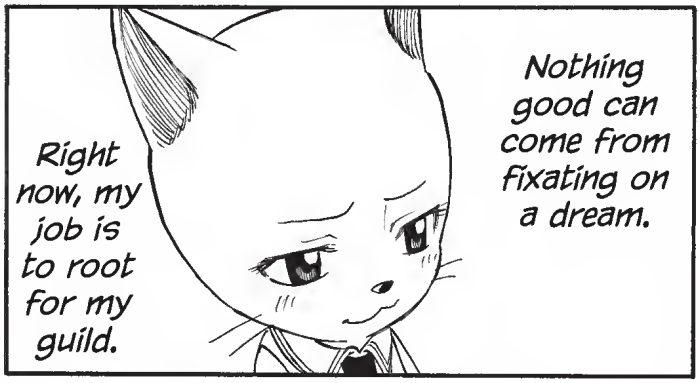
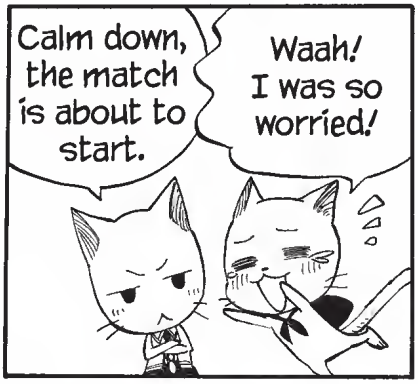
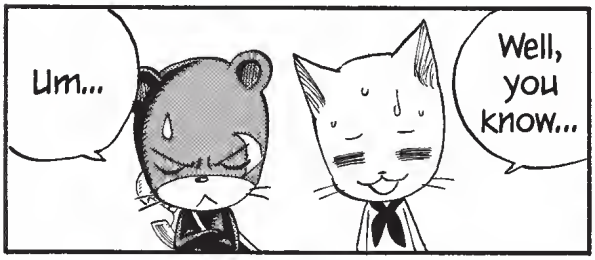
Fairy Tail B, Mirajane Strauss...
versus ...
RA
AH
...Blue Pegasus reservist, Jenny Realite.


Carla !!!!
Oh! So you've fully recovered?
Yes, and Wendy's fine as well. Apparently, everyone but the participants themselves must be here in the stands.


Welcome back, Lisanna. How's Elfman?
Huh? First it's Elf and now it's Mira?
Beaten up, but not in any danger.

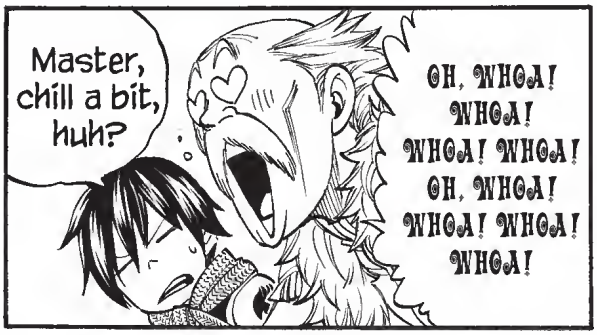

Right now, my job is to root for my guild.
Nothing good can come from fixating on a dream.


Calm down, the match is about to start.
Waah! I was so worried!


Um...
Well, you know...

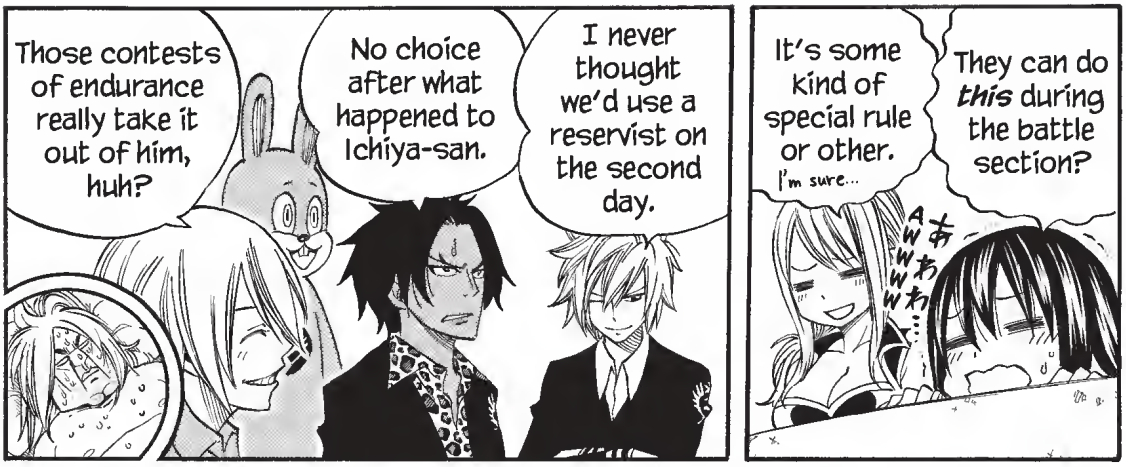
What...
...is this...?

Mirajane!! Do your best!!!!
...
Huh?


Master, chill a bit, huh?
OH, WHOA! WHOA! WHOA! WHOA! OH, WHOA! WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!

Like this?
BWAM
AAN
How's this?
BWA
AN

This is the worst.
They agreed to a rule change that turned this into a pin-up contest.
Since they're both originally pin-up models...
...That girl's Jenny, ranked by Weekly Sorcerer as the #1 wizard readers want as their girlfriend (seven years ago).
Mira-san...
Hm!
What's going on here?!
Hi there! ♡
This way?
BWA
AAN
BWA
AAN
おおおお


Those contests of endurance really take it out of him, huh?
No choice after what happened to Ichiya-san.
I never thought we'd use a reservist on the second day.
It's some kind of special rule or other.
I'm sure...
They can do *this* during the battle section?
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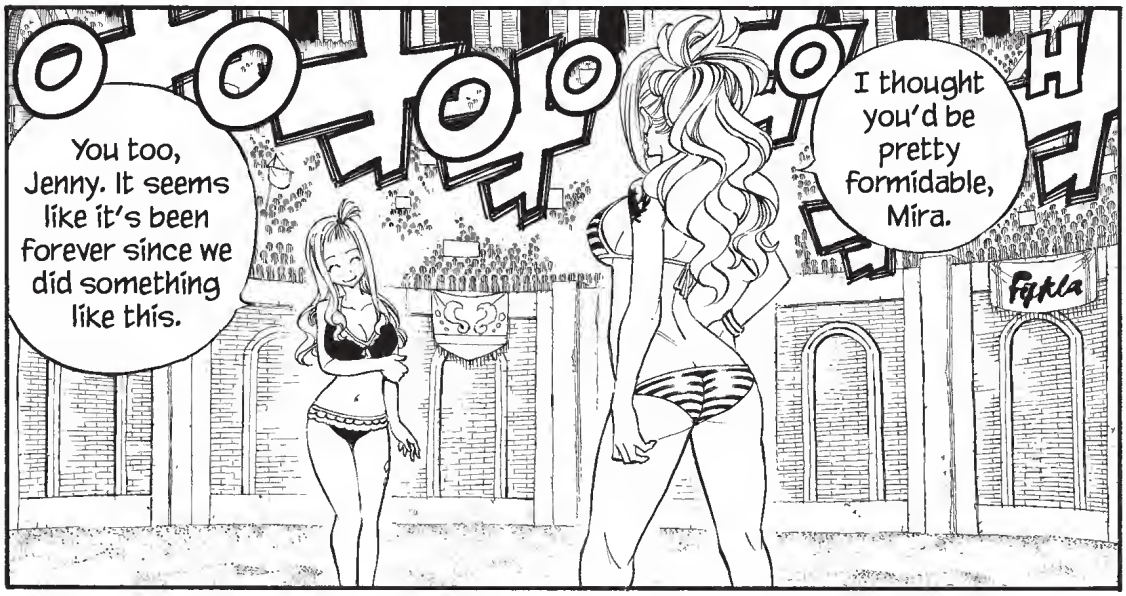
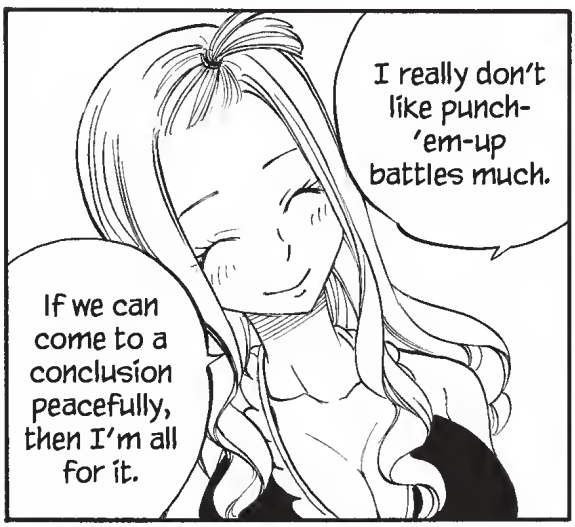

You too, Jenny. It seems like it's been forever since we did something like this.
I thought you'd be pretty formidable, Mira.
Fiore


I really don't like punch-'em-up battles much.
If we can come to a conclusion peacefully, then I'm all for it.

But I never thought you'd agree to a pin-up competition.

They're both so cool! Such beauties!!!
It's a heavy reshponshibility.
We three commentators are acting as judges!
Mira
Lenny
8
9
It's two ladies with pin-up experience!! And since both are experienced transformation wizards, it's a battle that's more like a dream!!!
Now we have bikinis and thigh-length stockings!!
Next we have school swimsuits!!!
Neither contestant can gain a clear lead!!
Mira
Lenny
23
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What're they getting more and more into fetishes for?!
That's what I like! More!
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Bondage!!!!
Cat ears!!!
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Girls in glasses!
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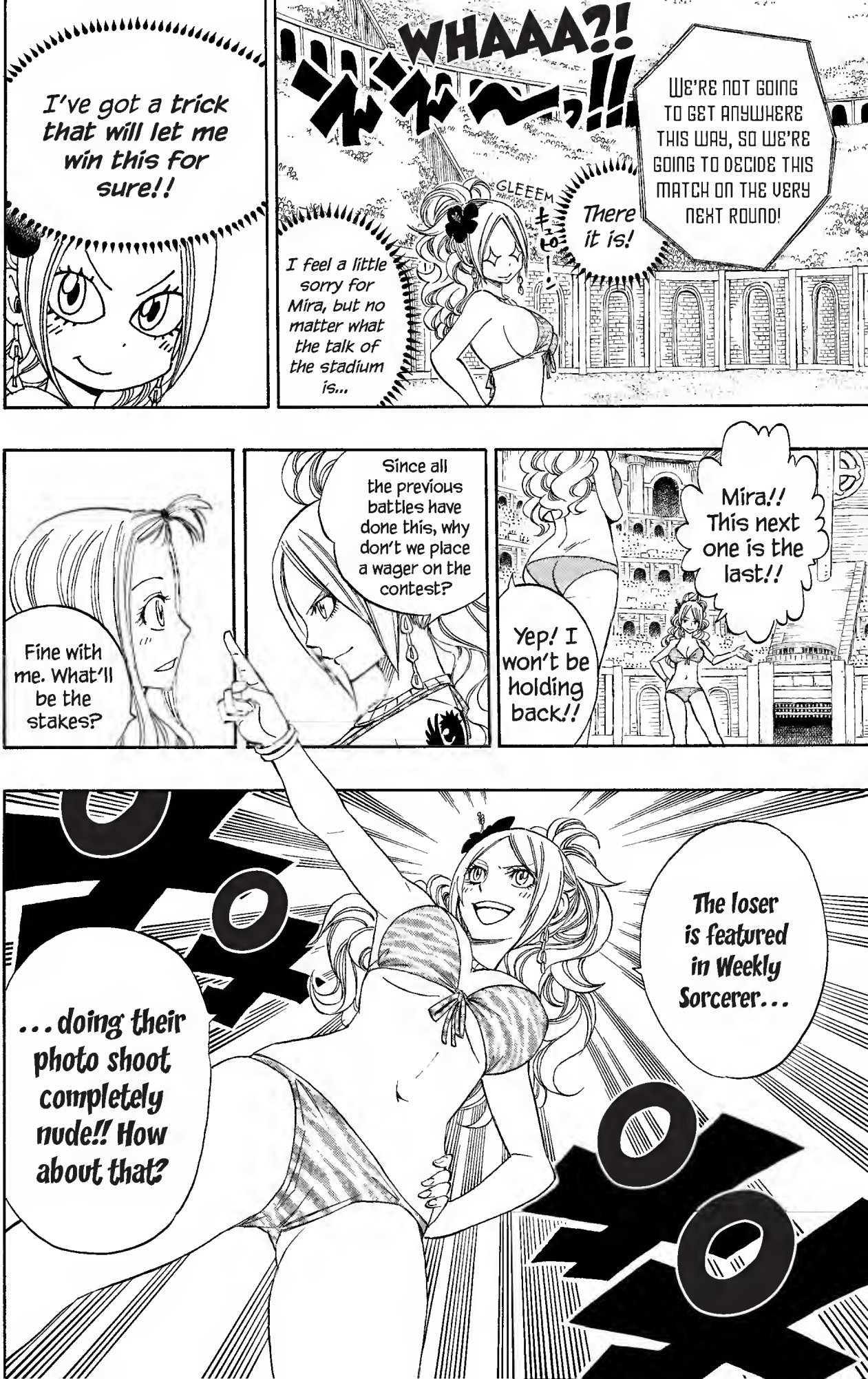
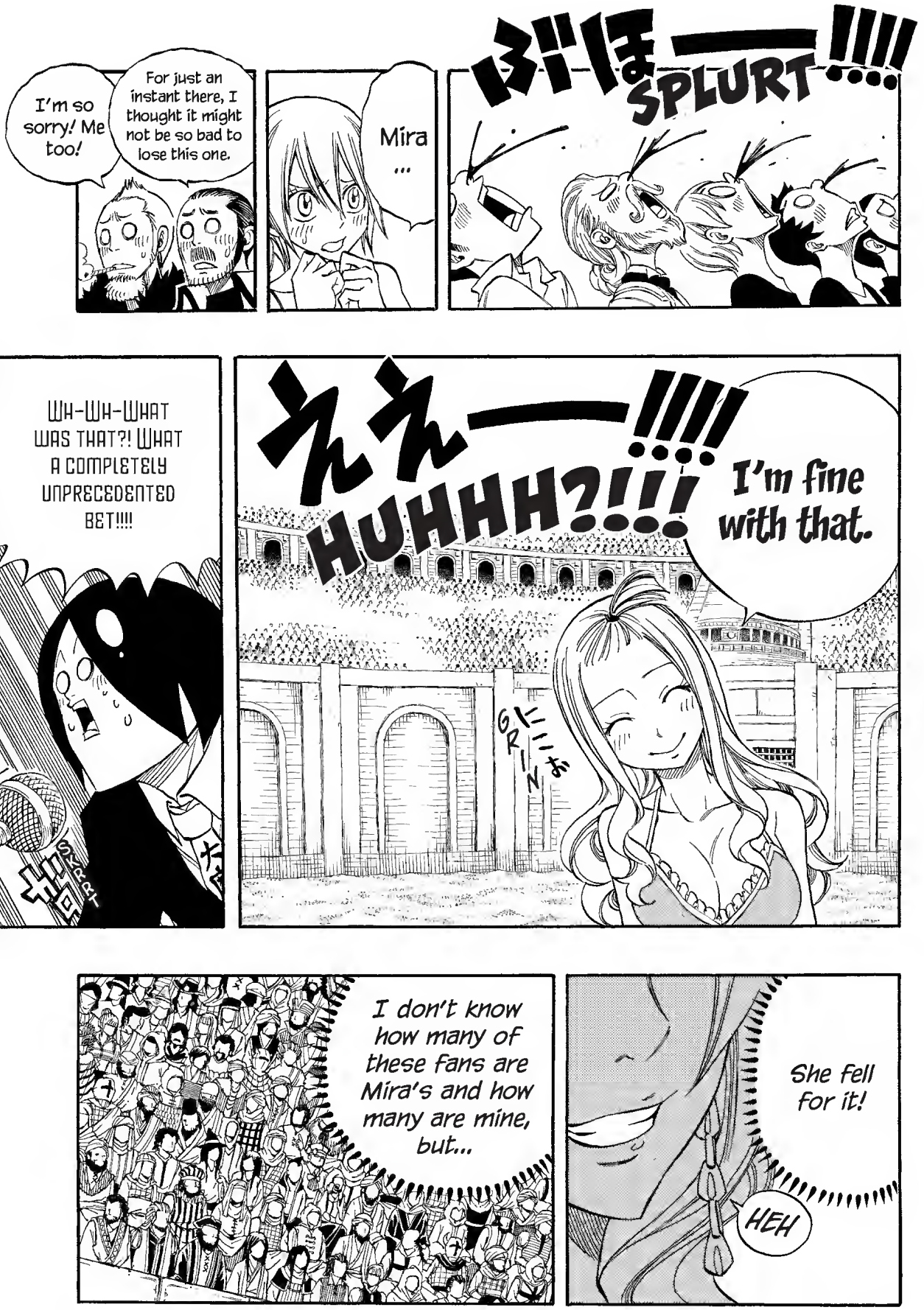
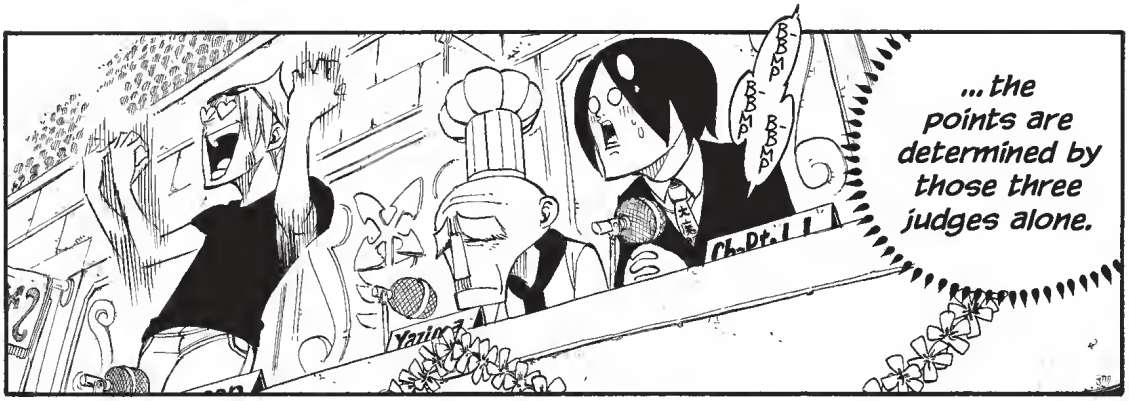

I've got a trick that will let me win this for sure!!
WHAAA?!
ええぇーっ!!
GLEEEM
We're not going to get anywhere this way, so we're going to decide this match on the very next round!
There it is!
I feel a little sorry for Mira, but no matter what the talk of the stadium is...
Since all the previous battles have done this, why don't we place a wager on the contest?
Fine with me. What'll be the stakes?
Mira!! This next one is the last!!
Yep! I won't be holding back!!
...doing their photo shoot completely nude!! How about that?
The loser is featured in Weekly Sorcerer...


I'm so sorry! Me too!
For just an instant there, I thought it might not be so bad to lose this one.
Mira ...
ぶほー SPLURT!!!!
WH-WH-WHAT WAS THAT?! WHAT A COMPLETELY UNPRECEDENTED BET!!!!
SWEAT
ええー!!! HUHHH?!!!
I'm fine with that.
GRIN
I don't know how many of these fans are Mira's and how many are mine, but...
She fell for it!
HEH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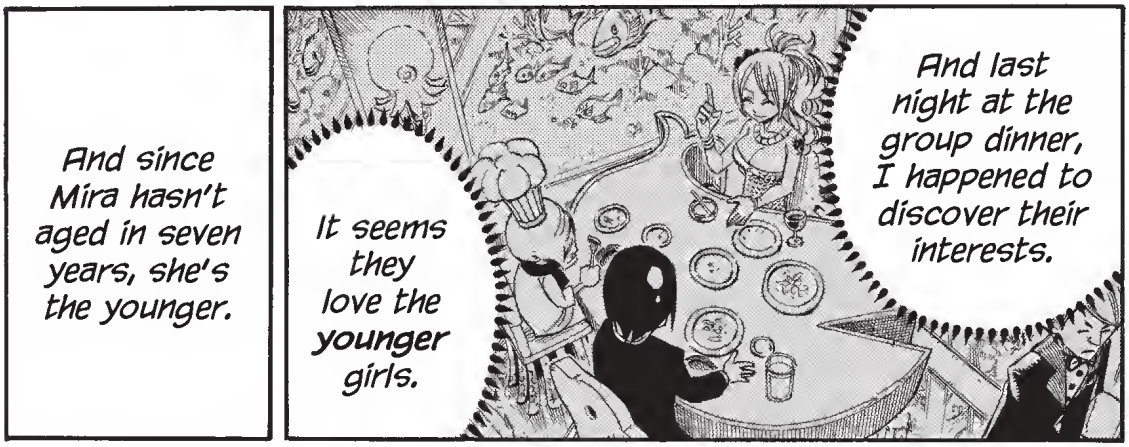
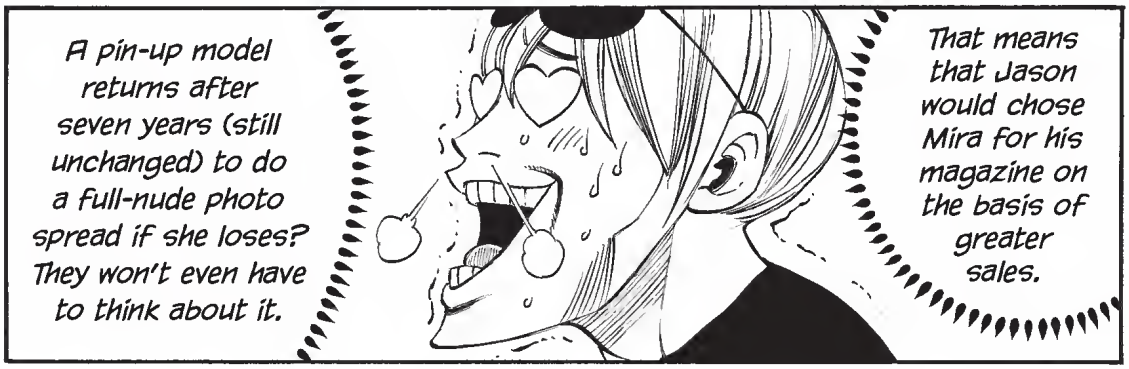
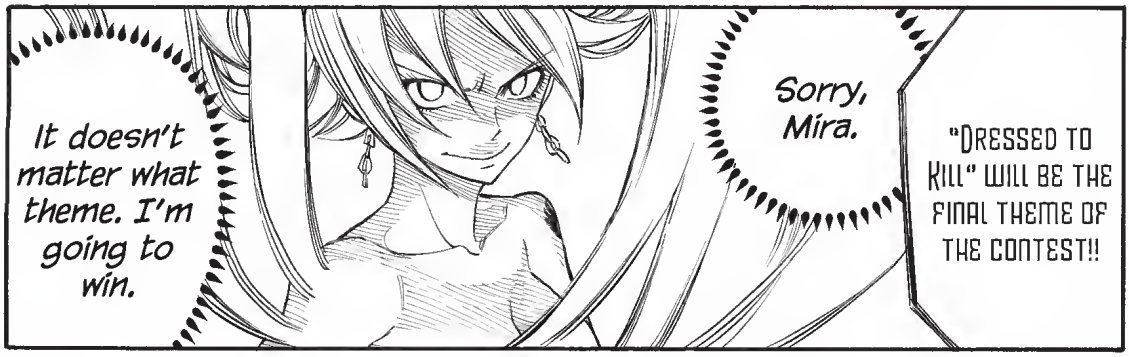
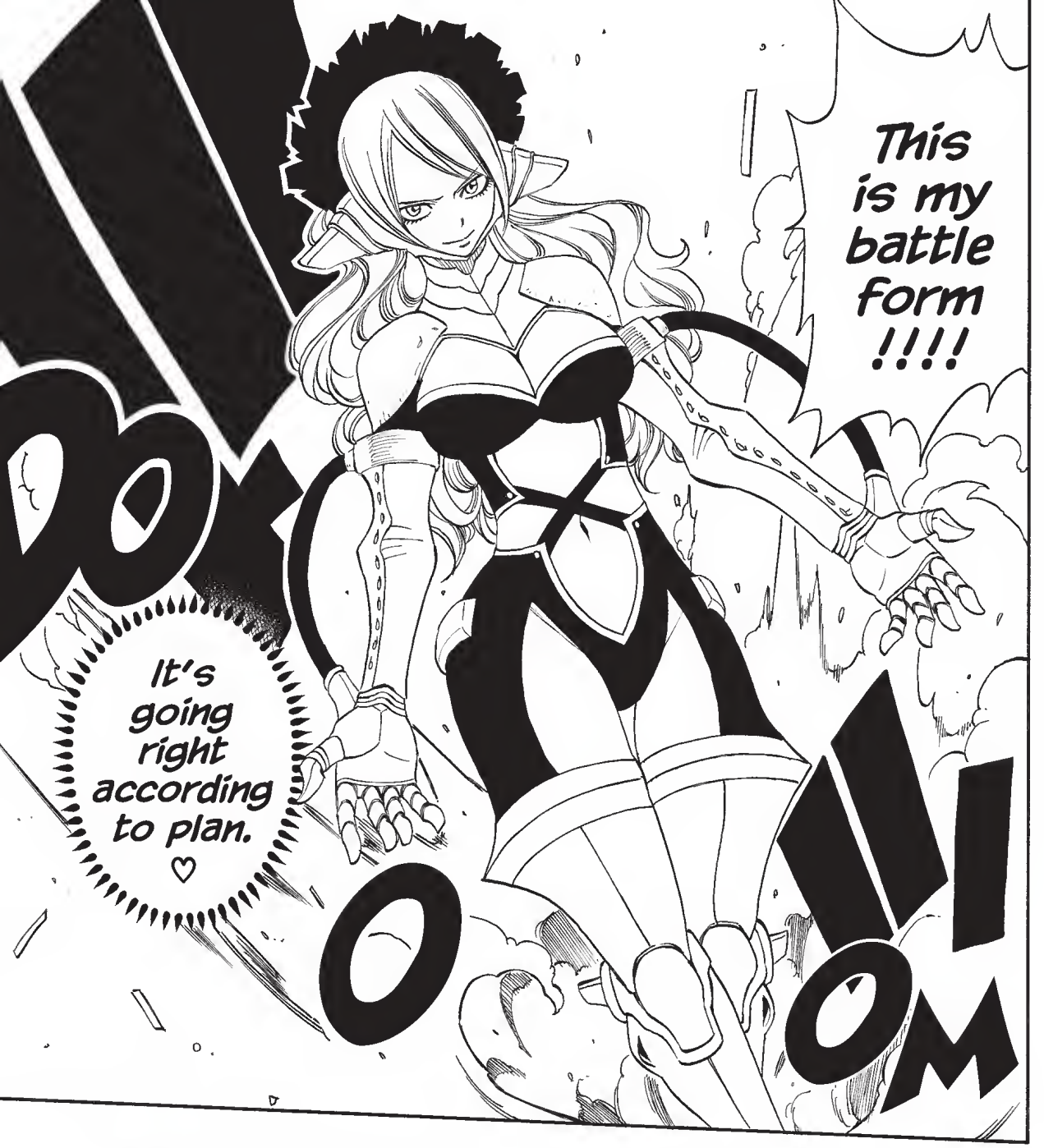
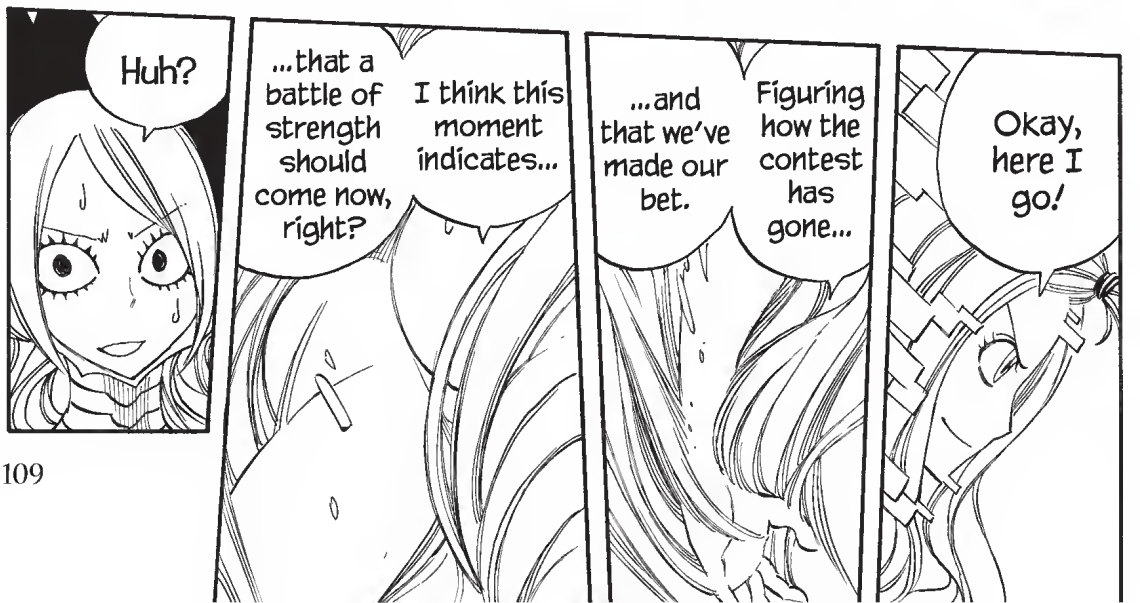
...the points are determined by those three judges alone.


And since Mira hasn't aged in seven years, she's the younger.
It seems they love the younger girls.
And last night at the group dinner, I happened to discover their interests.


A pin-up model returns after seven years (still unchanged) to do a full-nude photo spread if she loses? They won't even have to think about it.
That means that Jason would chose Mira for his magazine on the basis of greater sales.


It doesn't matter what theme. I'm going to win.
Sorry, Mira.
"DRESSED TO KILL" WILL BE THE FINAL THEME OF THE CONTEST!!

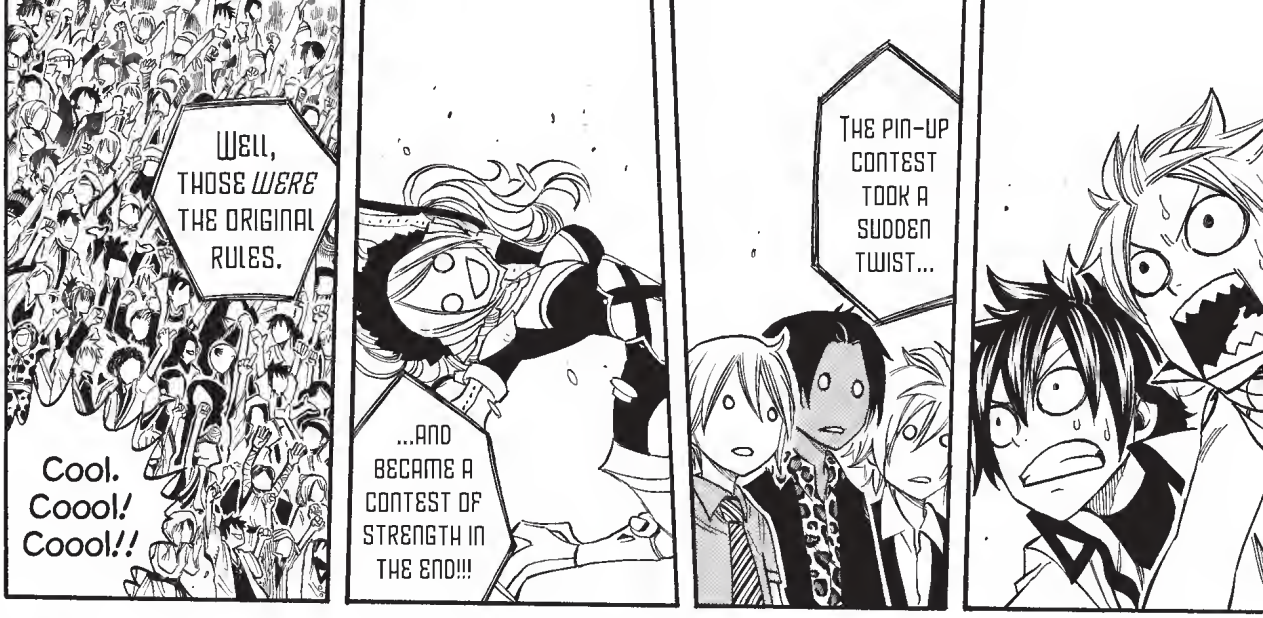

This is my battle form !!!!
It's going right according to plan. ♡
OOM!!
OM


Huh?
...that a battle of strength should come now, right?
I think this moment indicates...
...and that we've made our bet.
Figuring how the contest has gone...
Okay, here I go!

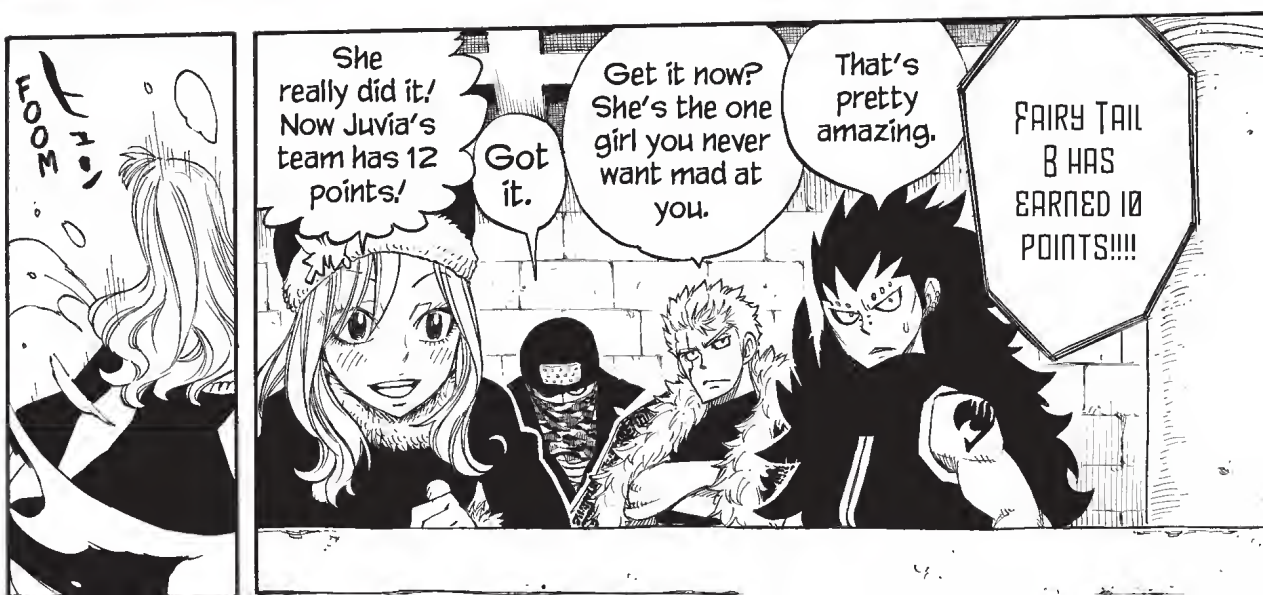
WHO
OSH

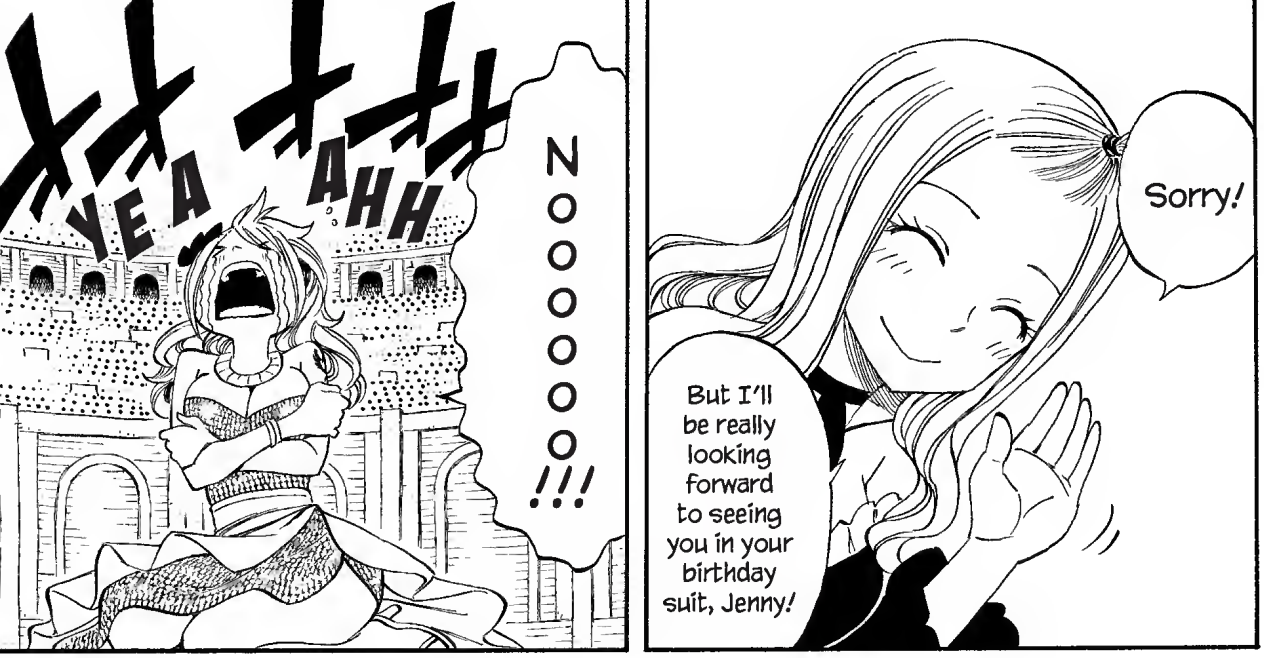
I consented to a bet with you.
Now I want you to consent to a power match with me!
To my knowledge, this is the most powerful Satan Soul.
The demon... Mirajane Sitri.
What's with that look?
You're kidding!!!!
C'mon.

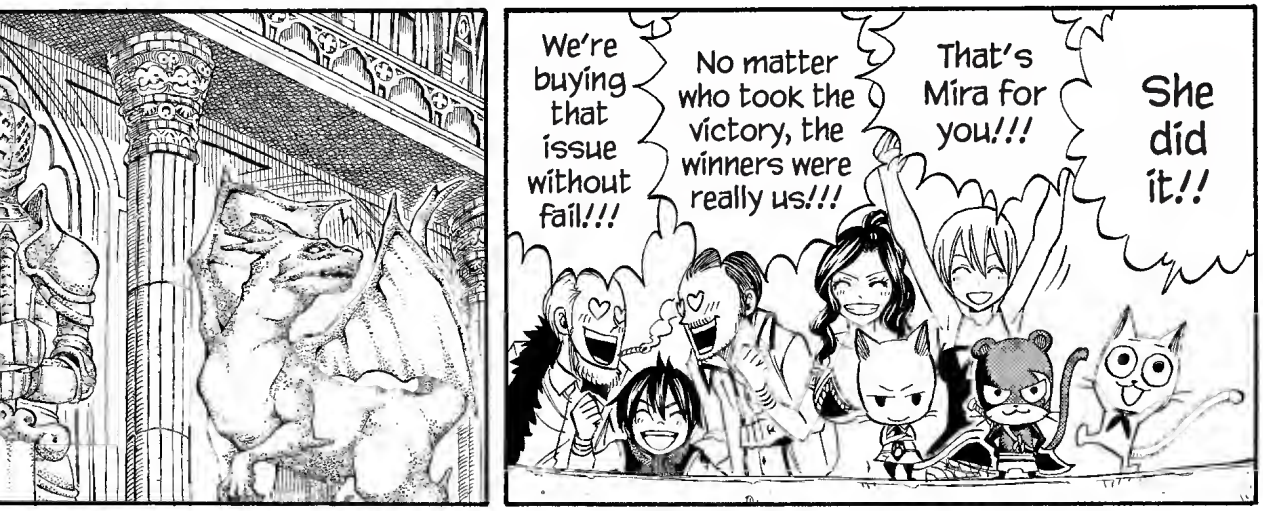
GHWOOOOM
YEEEEEEEEK!!


Well, those *were* the original rules.
Cool. Coool! Coool!!
...and became a contest of strength in the end!!!
The pin-up contest took a sudden twist...

And the winner: Mirajane !!!!

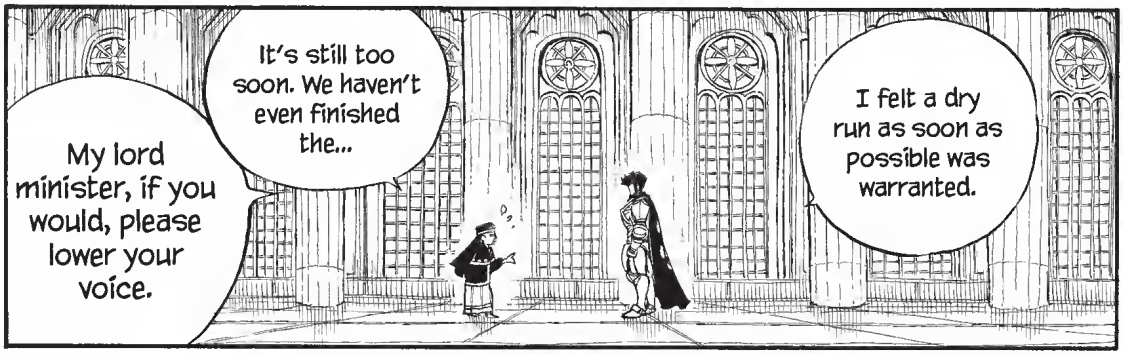

FOOM
She really did it! Now Juvia's team has 12 points!
Got it.
Get it now? She's the one girl you never want mad at you.
That's pretty amazing.
Fairy Tail B has earned 10 points!!!!

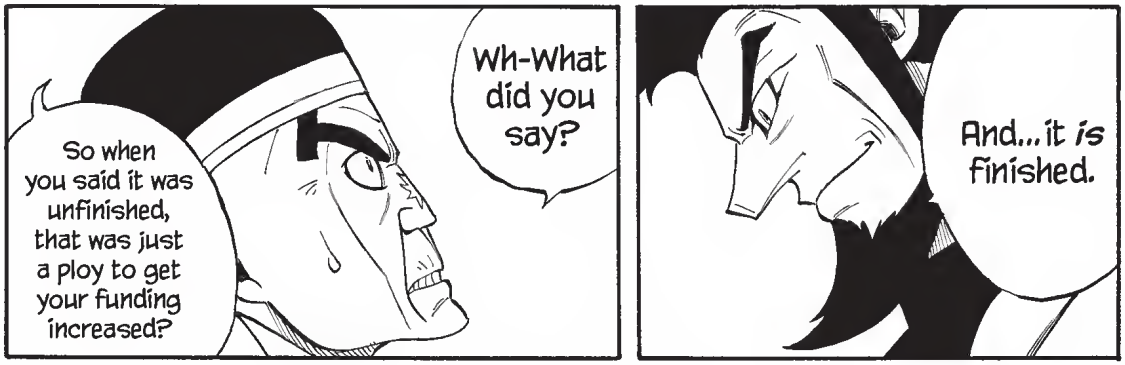

YEA AHH
NOOOOOO!!!
Sorry!
But I'll be really looking forward to seeing you in your birthday suit, Jenny!


We're buying that issue without fail!!!
No matter who took the victory, the winners were really us!!!
That's Mira for you!!!
She did it!!

What is all this about?
Ah, Minister of Defense.
...All this, you say?
Captain Arcadios ...
TAK
TAK
CHANK
CHANK

Don't you think it's premature?
Do not take me for a fool!!
Why are you trying to get your hands on the Celestial Wizard at a time like this?
KINGDOM OF FIORE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE
DARTON


My lord minister, if you would, please lower your voice.
It's still too soon. We haven't even finished the...
I felt a dry run as soon as possible was warranted.

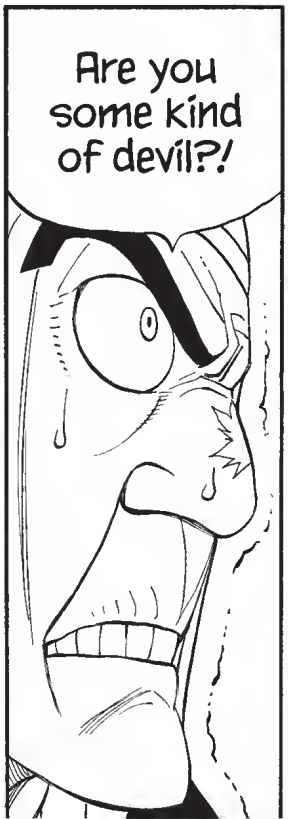

So when you said it was unfinished, that was just a ploy to get your funding increased?
Wh-What did you say?
And...it *is* finished.

That isn't possible...
Something on that kind of scale completed in only seven years?
Now, all we need is a Celestial Wizard, and *Eclipse* will be in an operational state.

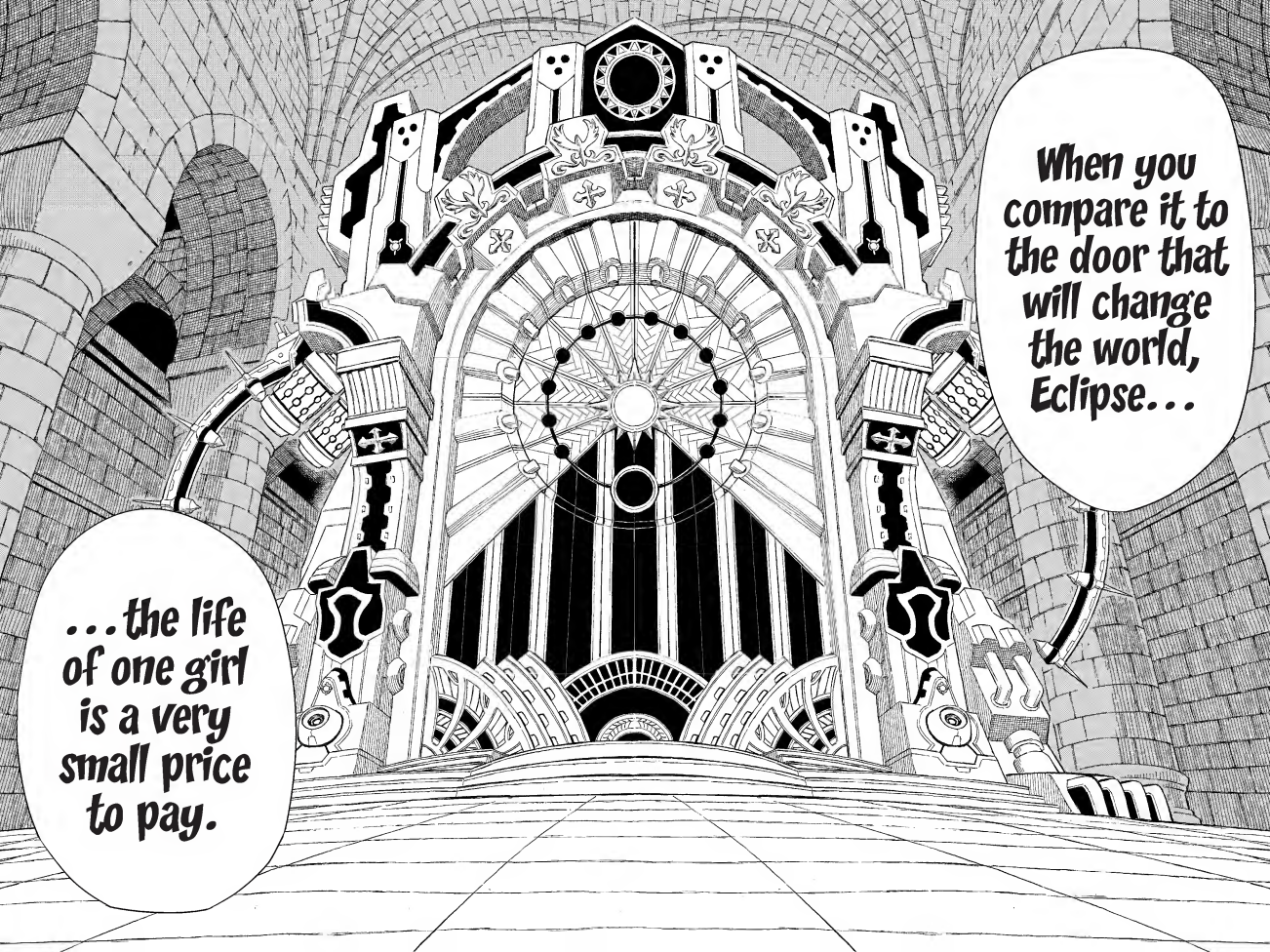
We are also fully aware that you were a member of the group opposing Operation Eclipse.
KACHANK

From this point on, the overall plan will enter Phase Four, Plan B.
This is when we must obtain a Celestial Wizard.

This is for the sake of king and country. I'll become a devil or a god or whatever is required.


Are you some kind of devil?!

However, at this point, there is no stopping it.


When you compare it to the door that will change the world, Eclipse...
...the life of one girl is a very small price to pay.

FAIRY TAIL

FAIRY TAIL

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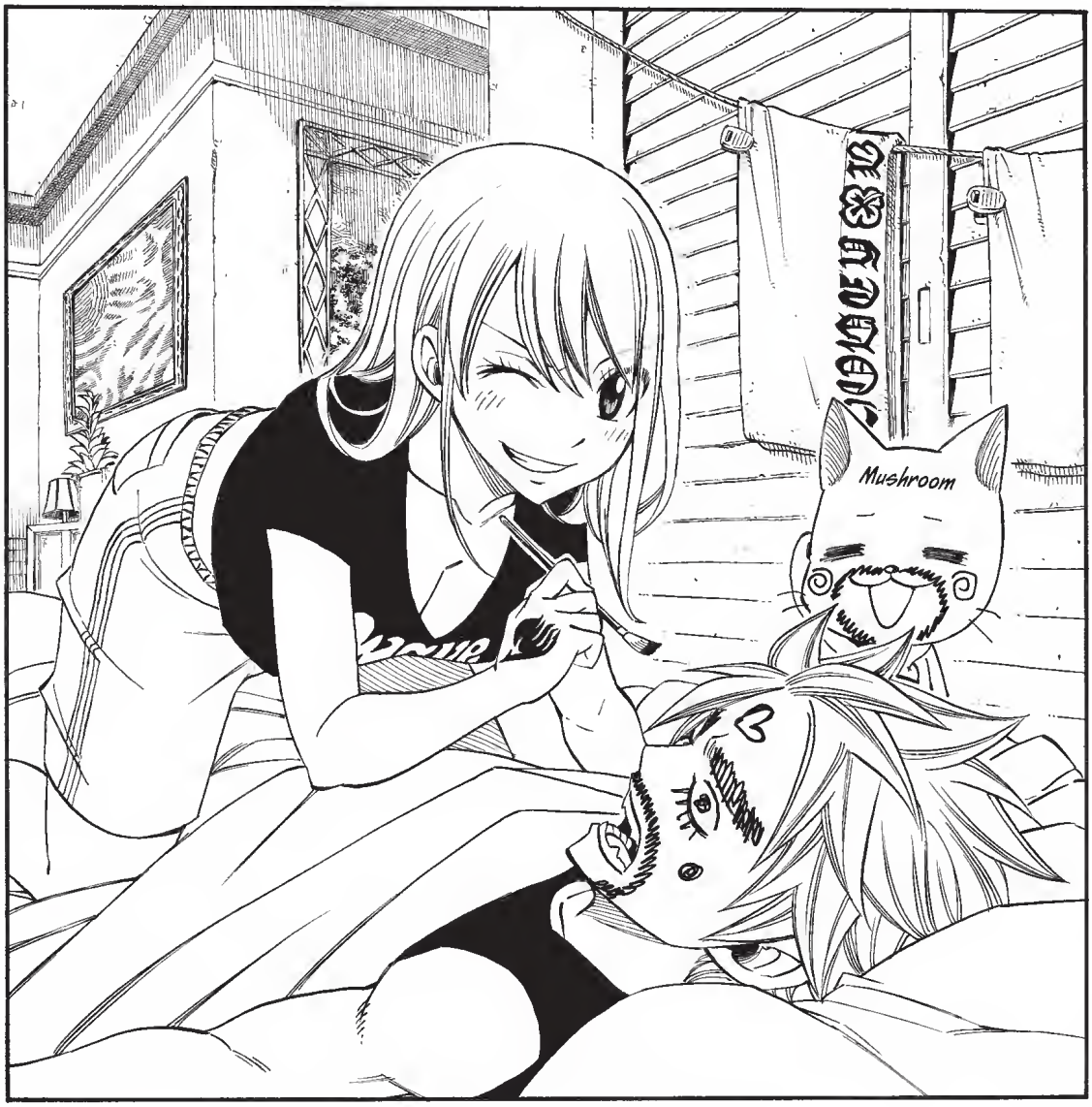
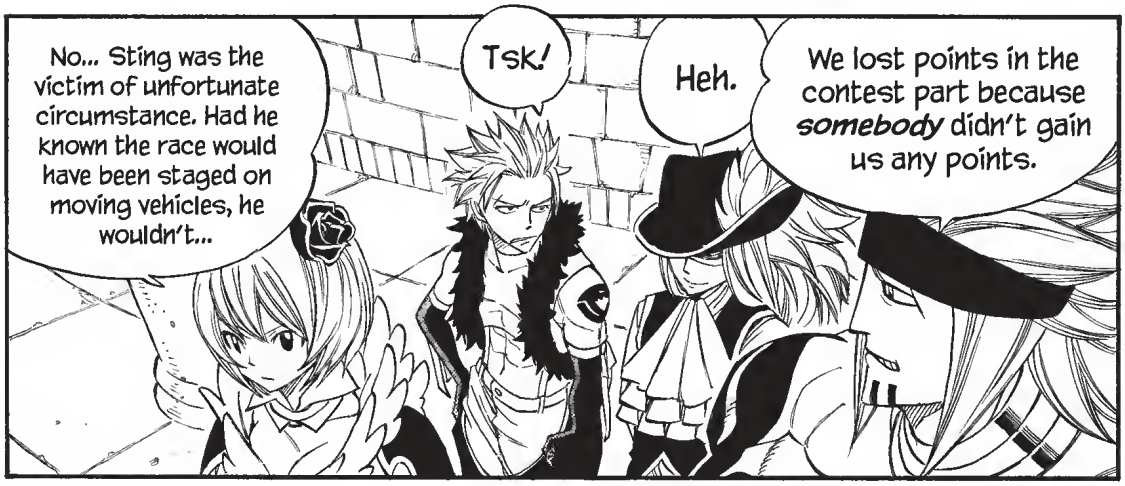
Chapter 280: Kagura vs. Yukino

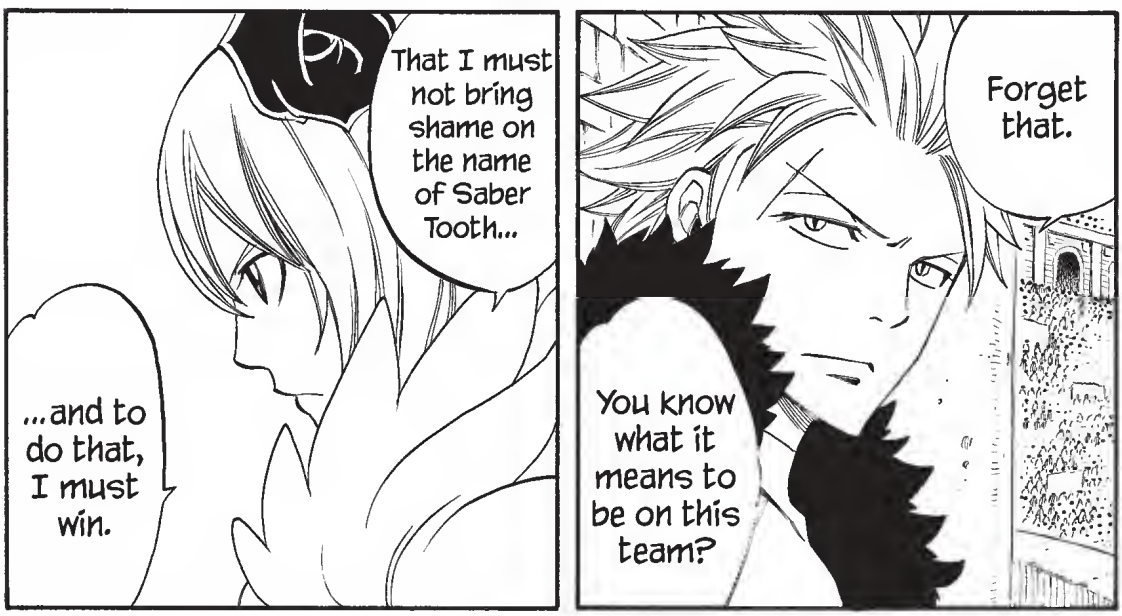


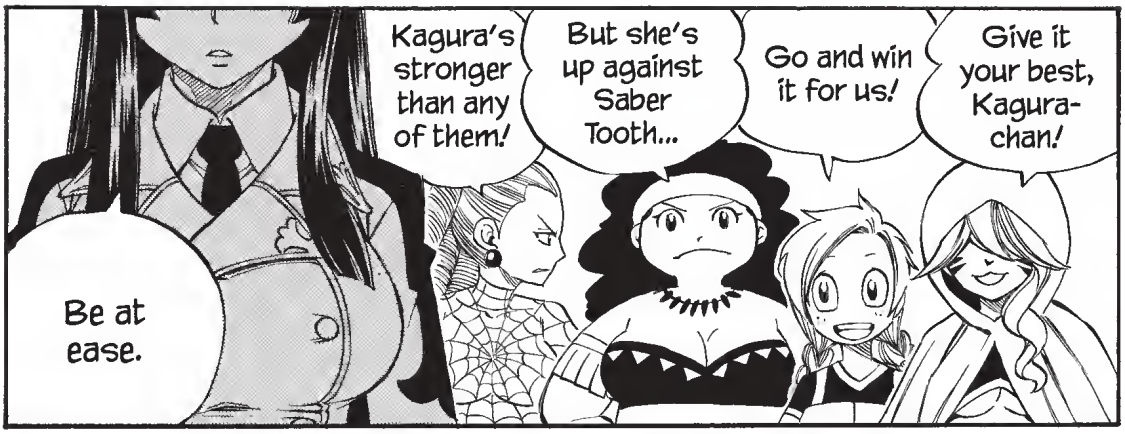
Now all we have left for the second day of the Grand Magic Games is the very last match!
Well done, Mira-san!
I get the feeling I've embarrassed myself with all those outfits.
The hardest one to take was that last one.
Now we have 12 points too. That puts us even with Natsu's team.
...
What's wrong, Mysto-gan?
Nothing ...

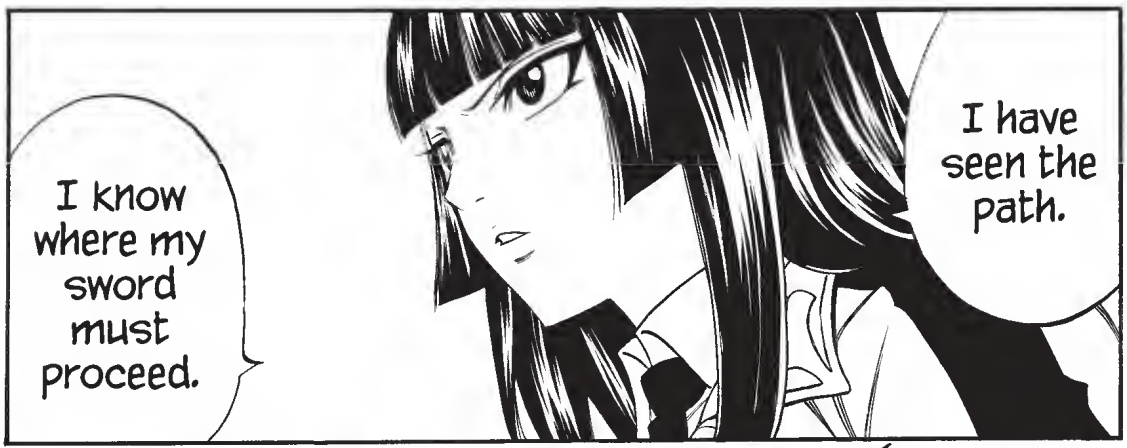
The second day is almost over...
What is this supposed to mean?
...
I suppose so.
Mystogan was never much of a talker.
I think Erza-san just said something very illogical.
It may have been a pin-up model contest, but I remember no rule disallowing the use of force.
So it wasn't a pin-up model showdown?
It's like the old Mira!! She's really amazing!!!
That's nothing unusual.
RA
AH
... SABER TOOTH'S YUKINO AGRIA!!!
VERSUS ...
SABER TOOTH
YUKINO AGRIA
THE FINAL MATCH OF THE DAY WILL BE MERMAID HEEL'S KAGURA MIKAZUCHI...
MERMAID HEEL
KAGURA MIKAZUCHI

It'll be Yukino!! That's a no-brainer!! What's wrong with you that you don't know that already, Frosch?!!
Fro thinks so also.
Which do you think will win?
GRRR
HERE WE HAVE ANOTHER MATCH BETWEEN BEAUTIES!!!
LOVE!


No... Sting was the victim of unfortunate circumstance. Had he known the race would have been staged on moving vehicles, he wouldn't...
Tsk!
Heh.
We lost points in the contest part because *somebody* didn't gain us any points.


That I must not bring shame on the name of Saber Tooth...
...and to do that, I must win.
Forget that.
You know what it means to be on this team?


Be at ease.
Kagura's stronger than any of them!
But she's up against Saber Tooth...
Go and win it for us!
Give it your best, Kagura-chan!


I know where my sword must proceed.
I have seen the path.

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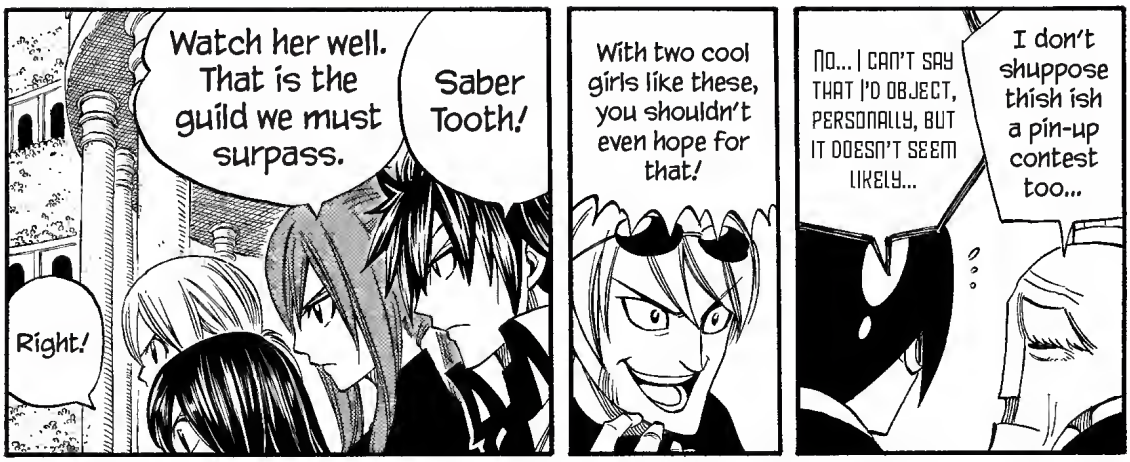
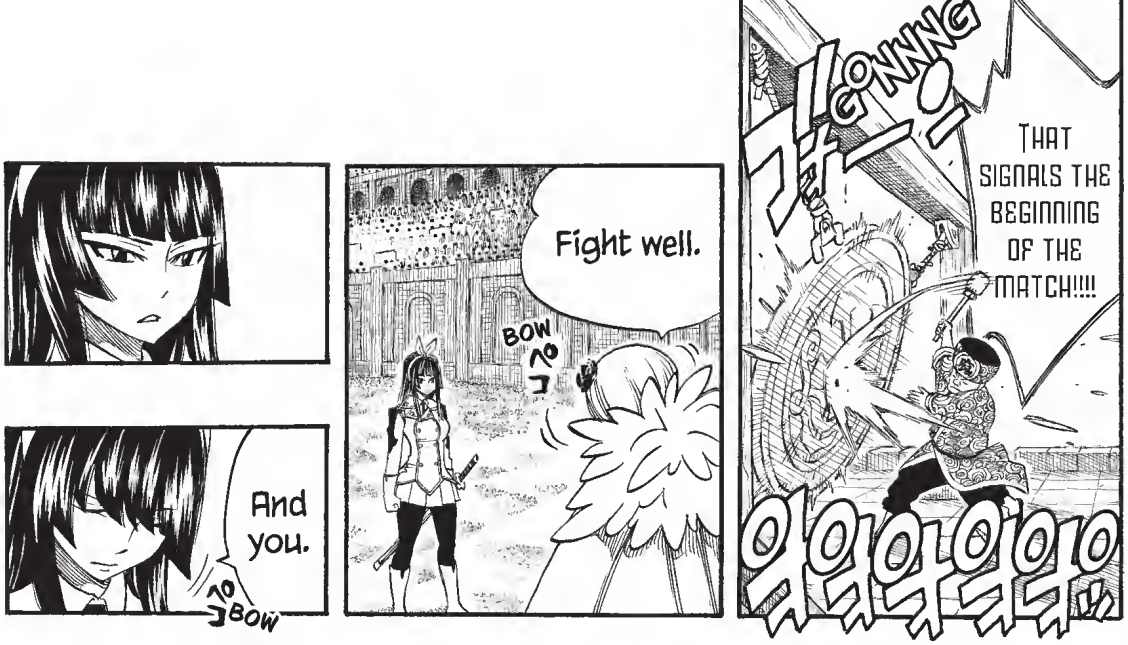
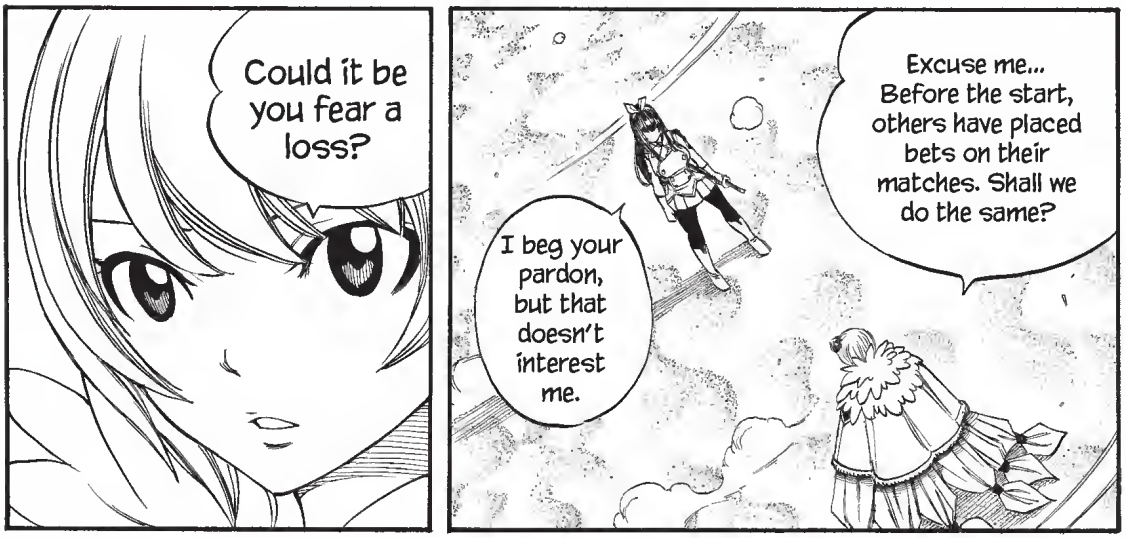

Watch her well. That is the guild we must surpass.
Saber Tooth!
Right!
With two cool girls like these, you shouldn't even hope for that!
No... I can't say that I'd object, personally, but it doesn't seem likely...
I don't shuppose thish ish a pin-up contest too...

KAA
As you all know, Kagura's strength...
...makes her not only the most powerful wizard in Mermaid Heel, but she always ranks near the top of Weekly Sorcerer's best women wizards list!

KAA
AAAH
Facing her, in her debut match, is Yukino!
But just the fact that she's representing the strongest guild, Saber Tooth, means we can expect overwhelming power!


Fight well.
BOW
And you.
BOW
GONNNG
THAT SIGNALS THE BEGINNING OF THE MATCH!!!!

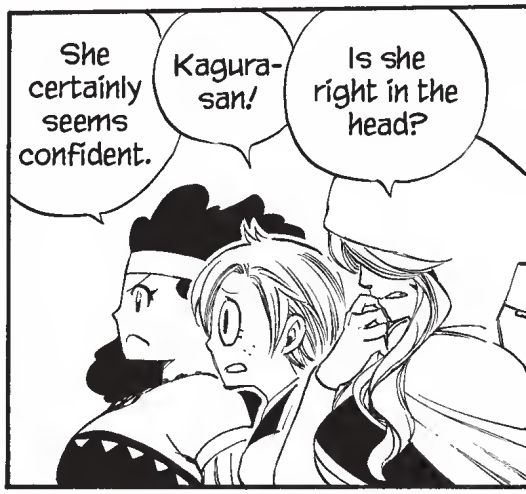

Could it be you fear a loss?
Excuse me... Before the start, others have placed bets on their matches. Shall we do the same?
I beg your pardon, but that doesn't interest me.

Then shall we make it heavier?
Therefore, I never gamble for light entertainment purposes.
I have no such emotions.
However, when I agree to an arrangement, it is my policy to see it enacted without fail.

By placing...
...our lives on the line?

CHATTER

Very well.
Come!
SHAKK!!
If you are indeed prepared to see it through...
...then politeness demands I acknowledge it.


She certainly seems confident.
Kagura-san!
Is she right in the head?

It is your poor luck that you were placed against Saber Tooth.
This isn't cool at all...!!!
Hmm...
Th-This is a pretty... serious... turn of events...
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CHATTER
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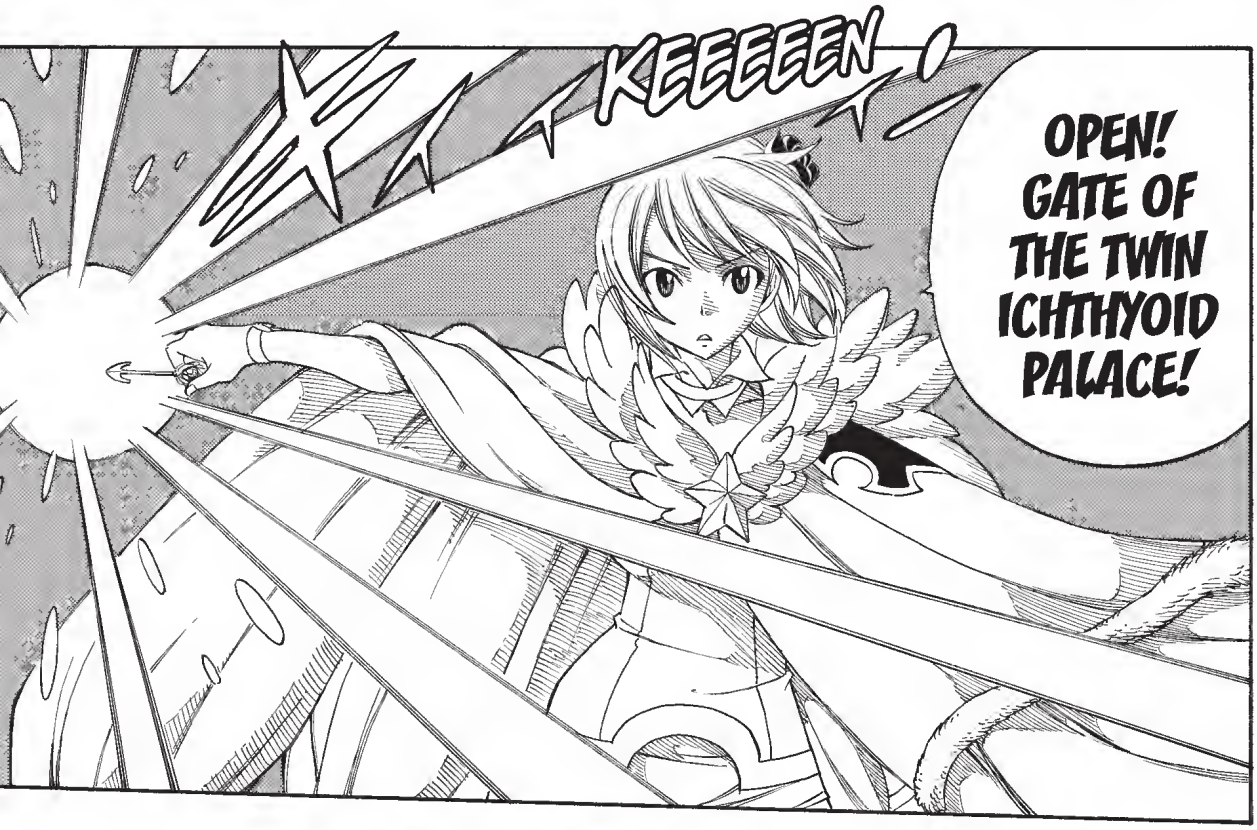
CHATTER

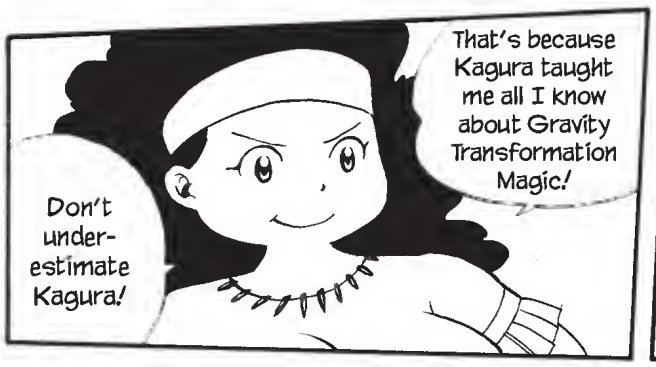

KEEEEEN!
OPEN! GATE OF THE TWIN ICHTHYOID PALACE!

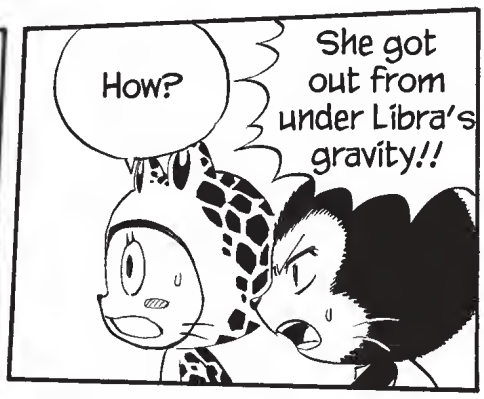
One of the Twelve Golden Gates...
There was another...
...Celestial Wizard?
What?!!
A Celestial Wizard?!!!

ZWI
PISCES !!!!
Fish !!!
SHAAAHH
WHAM
CRASH
SHOOM
BOOM

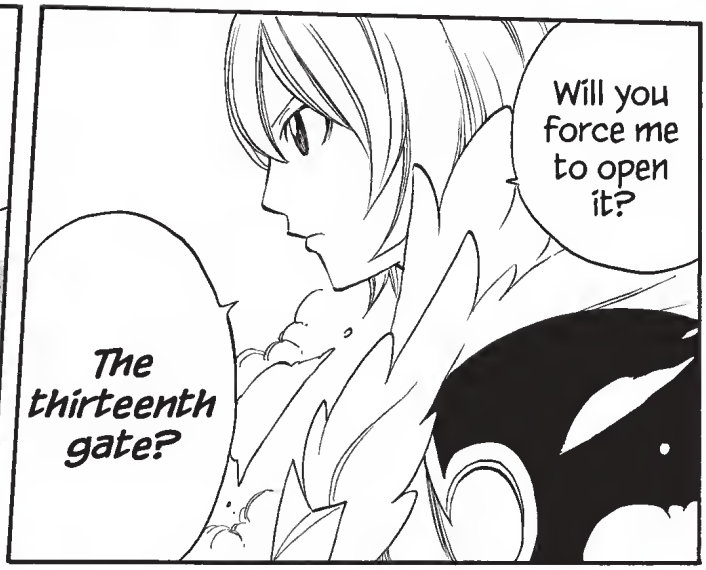
BOOM
BO-
OPEN! GATE OF THE SCALE PALACE!!
LIBRA !!!!
As you wish!
VWOON
Libra, change gravity for the target.
Ohh!!
She can bring out two at once!!
Pisces!
Does that mean that Kagura's body is heavier now?!
That thing can use the same magic as me?! With those scales?
ZUCHAAN!!
Kh!

WHOOSH
ZSH
AF
Gyo!!!!
AF
AF

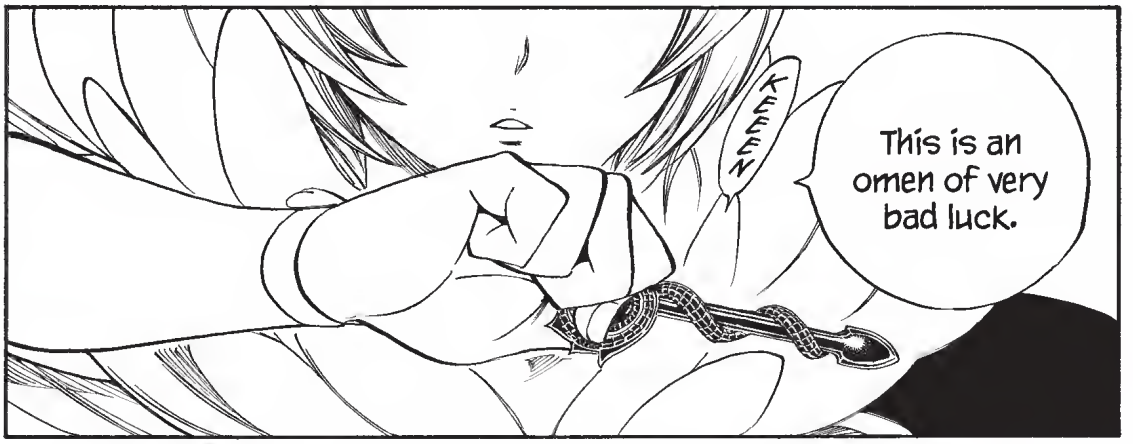

That's because Kagura taught me all I know about Gravity Transformation Magic!
Don't under-estimate Kagura!

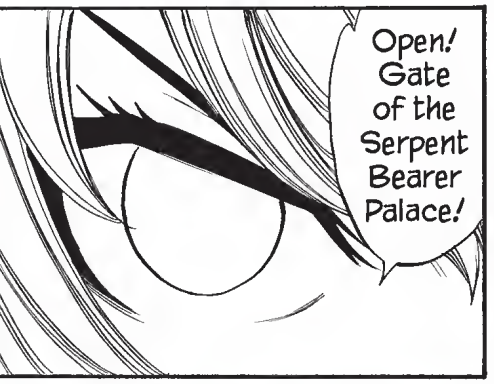

How?
She got out from under Libra's gravity!!

What is it, Lucy-san?
Thirteenth gate?!! Did...I just hear that right?!


Will you force me to open it?
The thirteenth gate?

Just as the name implies, the Twelve Golden Gate Keys are twelve keys for twelve gates.
But there are rumors out there that I've heard.
Rumors of some unknown thirteenth spirit that outshines the Twelve Golden Gates!

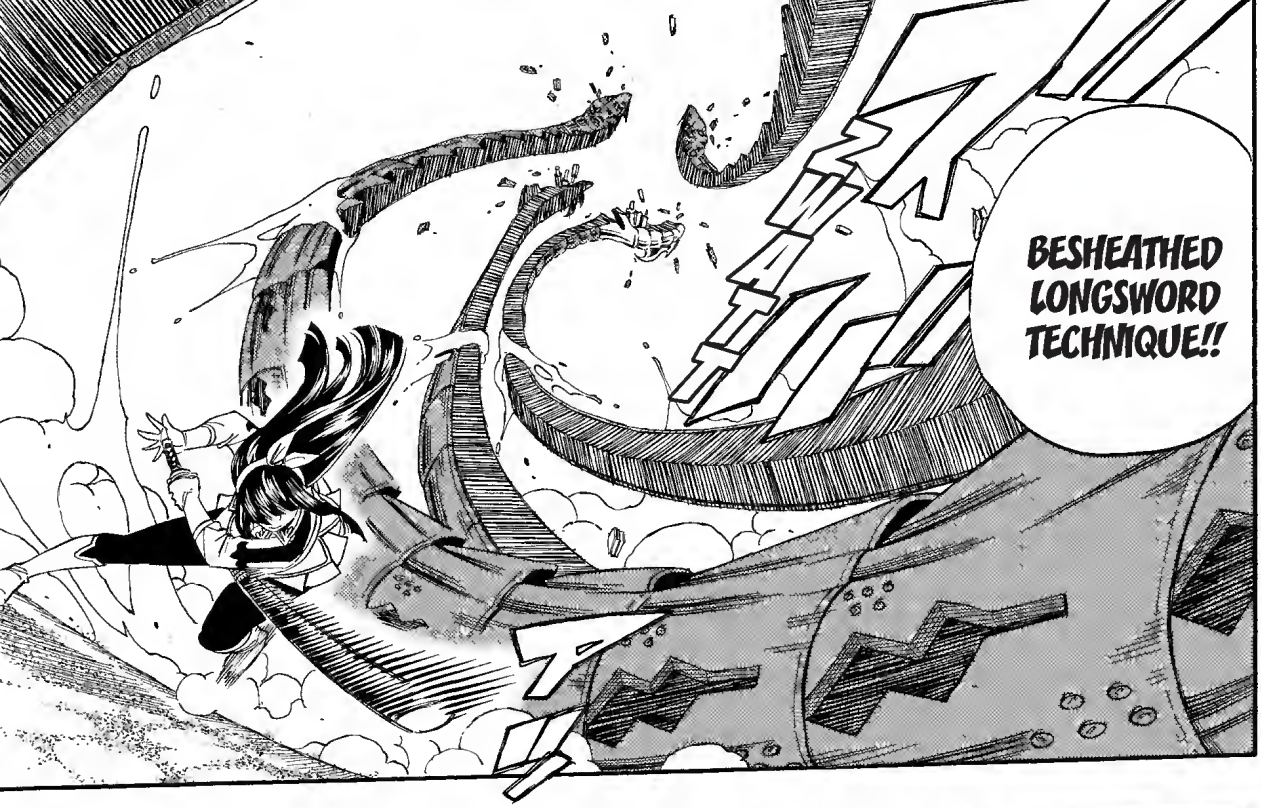

This is an omen of very bad luck.
KEEN

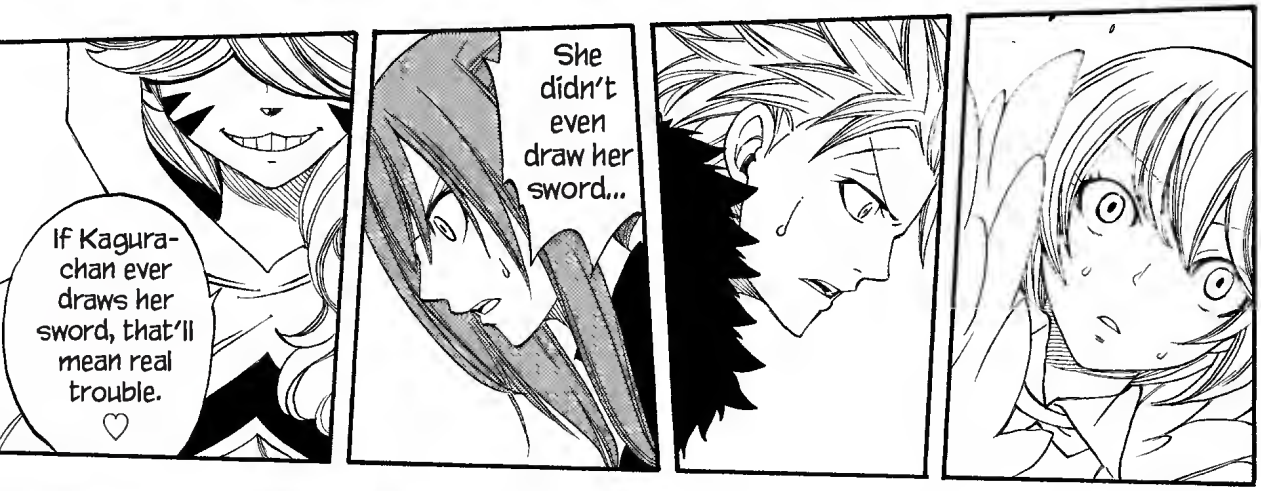

Open! Gate of the Serpent Bearer Palace!

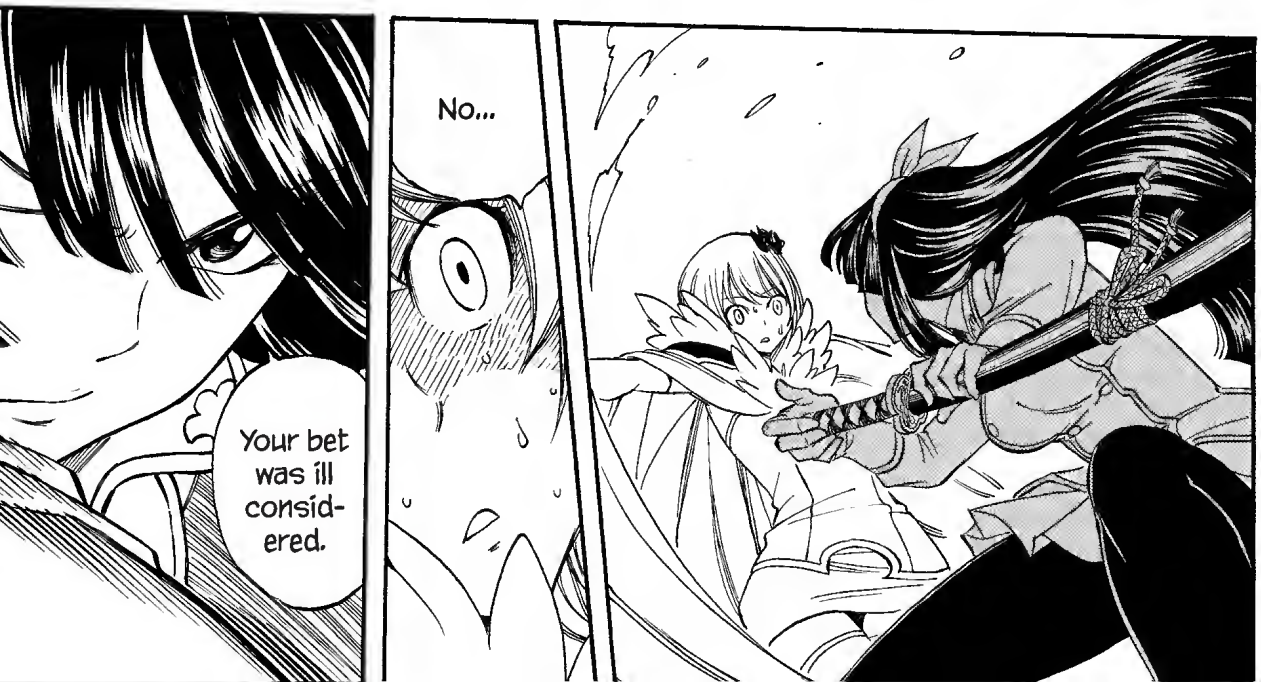
I guide myself toward my own fate!!

From the moment I was born, I never trusted in luck.
All is the result of one's own decisions!

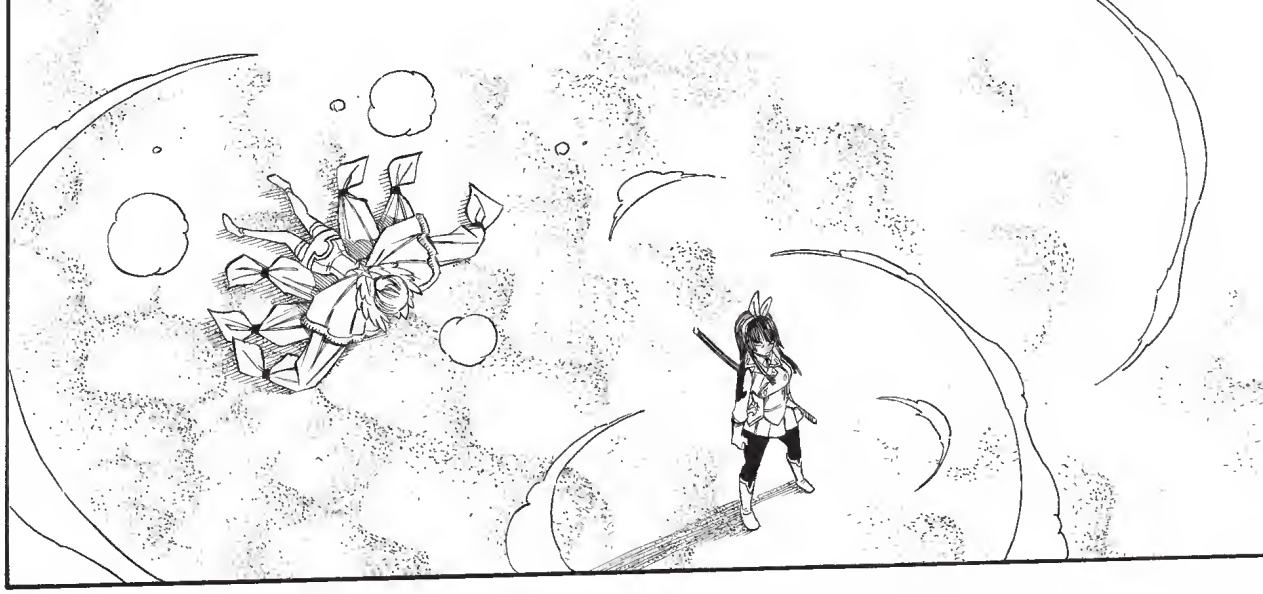
*Vengeance Sword: Archenemy

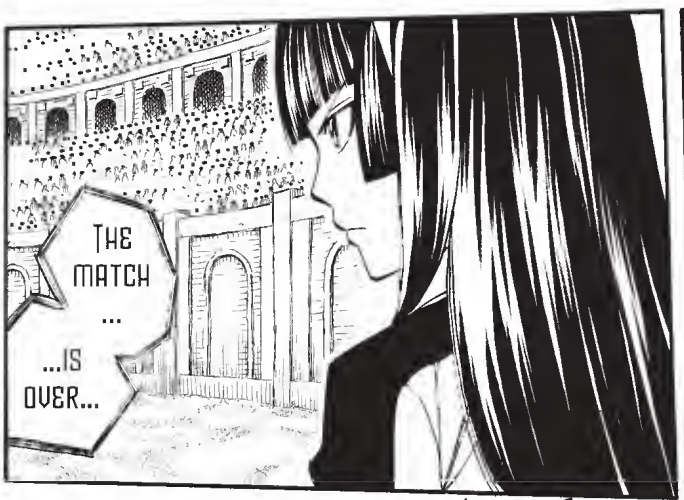

BESHEATHED LONGSWORD TECHNIQUE!!

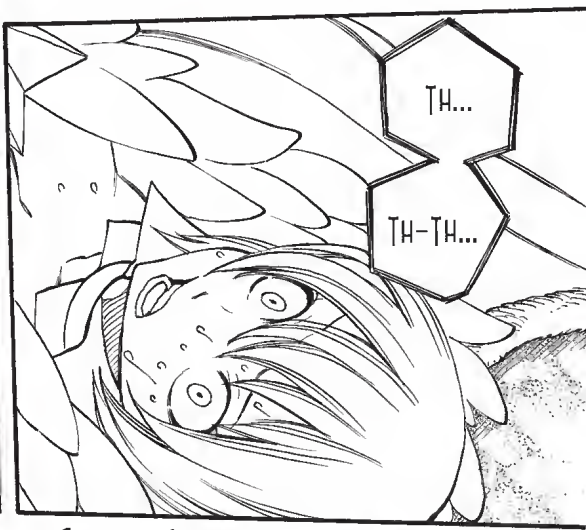

If Kagura-chan ever draws her sword, that'll mean real trouble. ♡
She didn't even draw her sword...


Your bet was ill consid-ered.
No...

BOOM
Now and then a mermaid eats tiger meat.
Ly

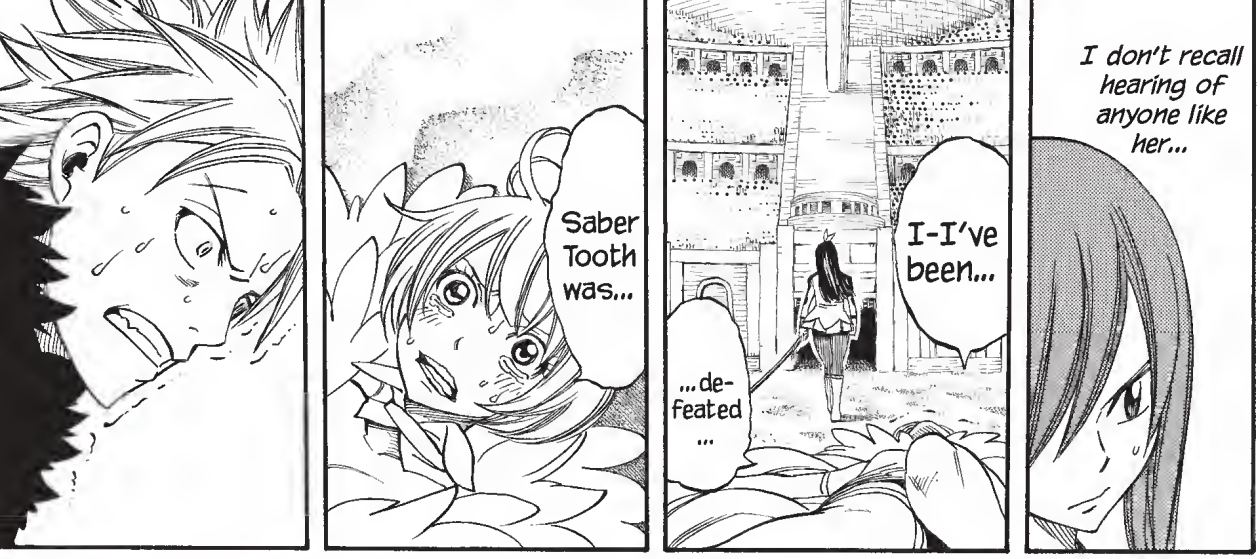


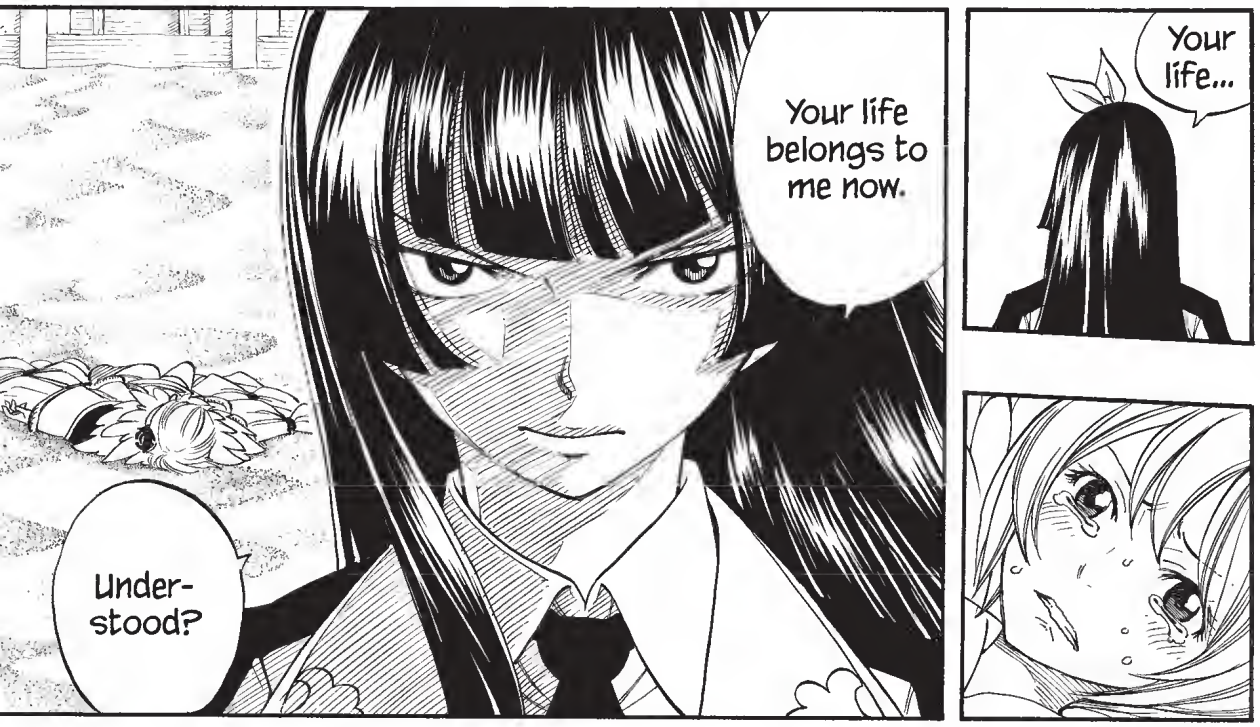

THE MATCH ...
...IS OVER...

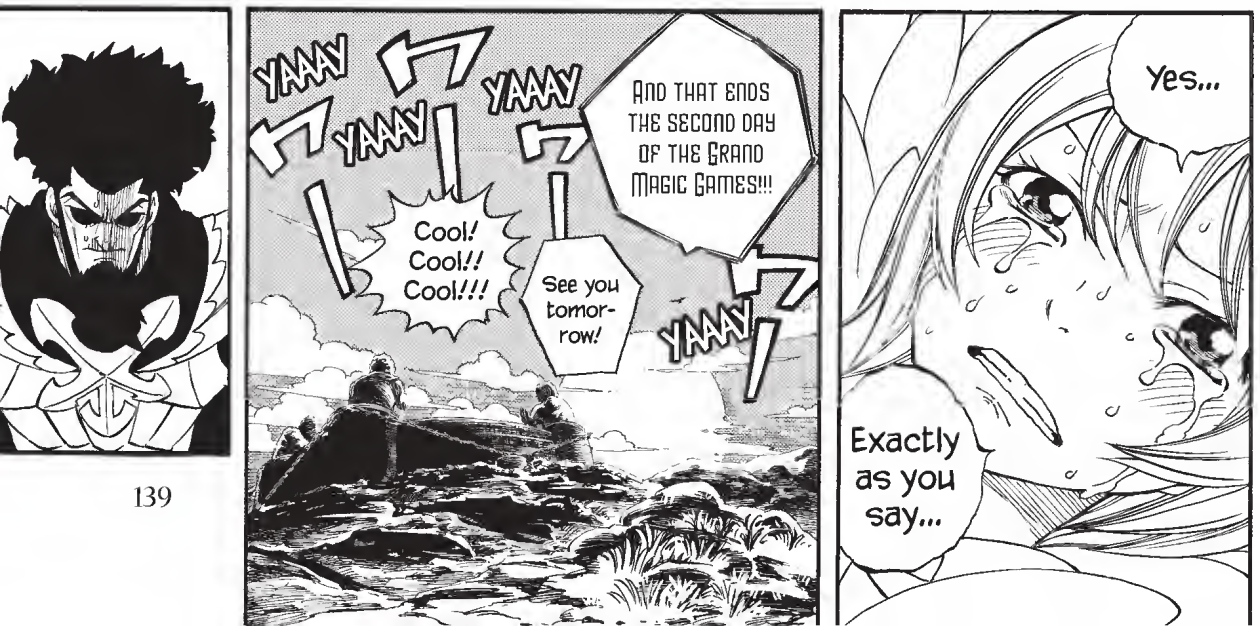

TH...
TH-TH...

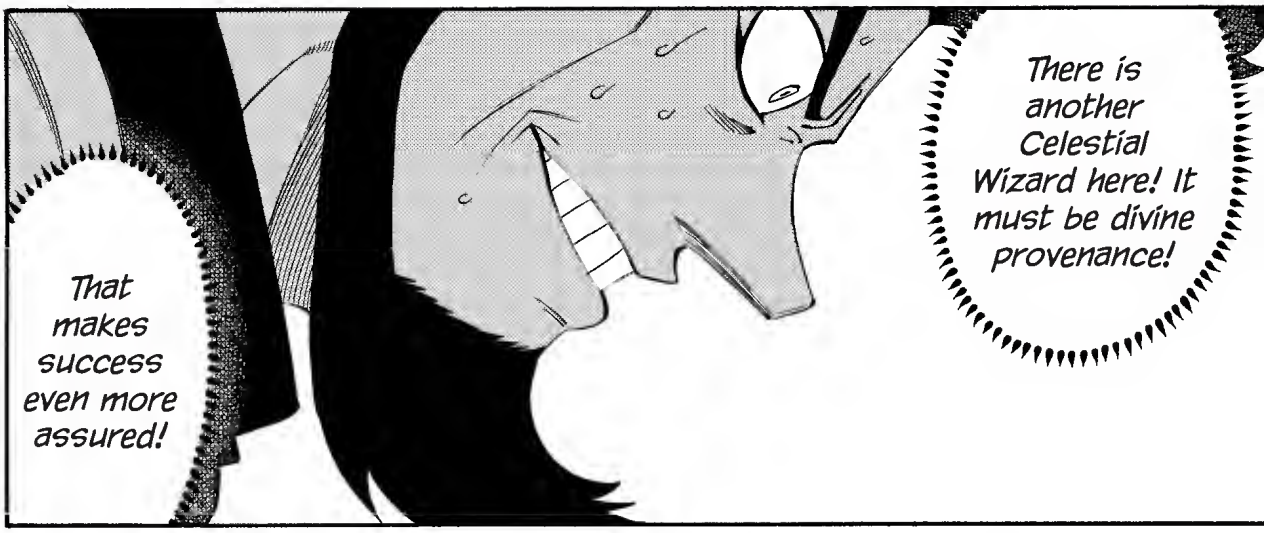
The latter.
Was the Saber woman weak...or was the Mermaid woman really strong?

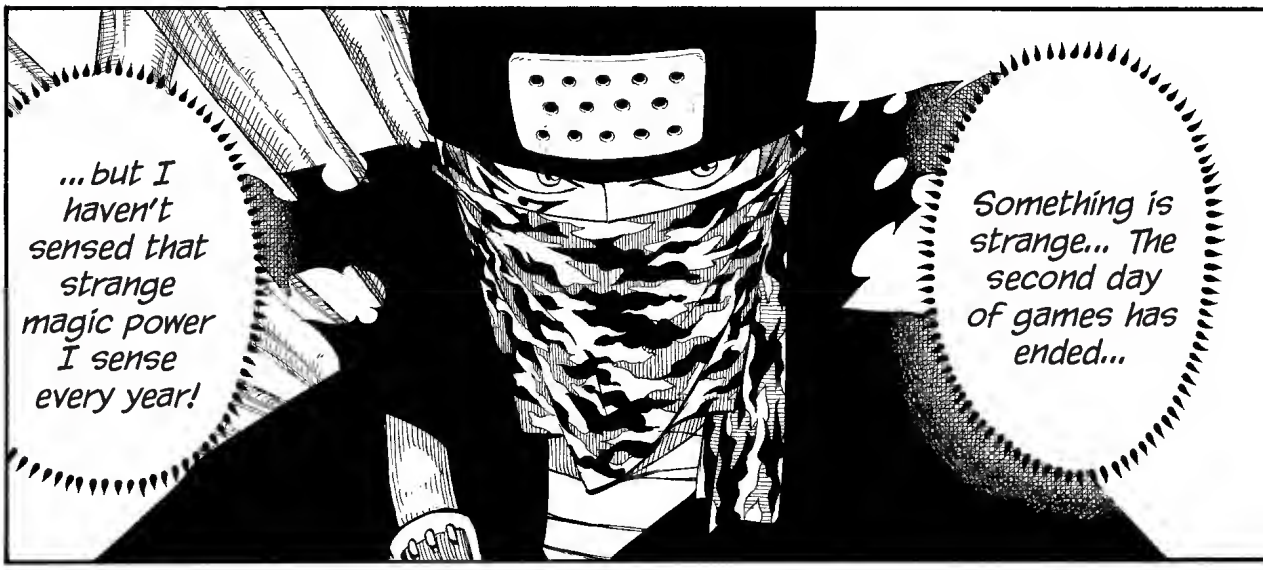
AAAAAH!!
YAAAAH!!
AND THE WINNER: MERMAID HEEL'S KAGURA MIKAZUCHI!!!!
IN A COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED TWIST, SABER TOOTH GETS ZERO POINTS!!!!
Never underestimate Kagura!
All right!
Kagura-chan's amazing !!

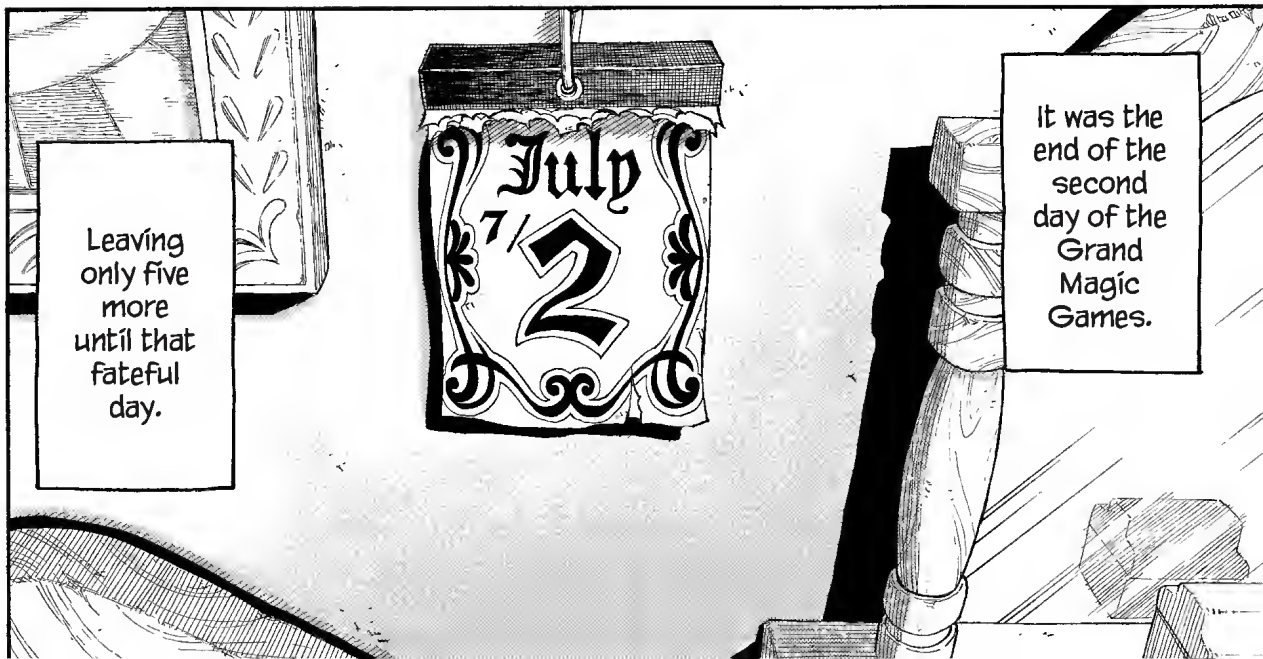

Saber Tooth was...
...de-feated ...
I-I've been...
I don't recall hearing of anyone like her...


Your life belongs to me now.
Under-stood?
Your life...


YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY
Cool! Cool!! Cool!!!
See you tomor-row!
And that ends the second day of the Grand Magic Games!!!
Yes...
Exactly as you say...


There is another Celestial Wizard here! It must be divine provenance!
That makes success even more assured!


Something is strange... The second day of games has ended...
...but I haven't sensed that strange magic power I sense every year!


July
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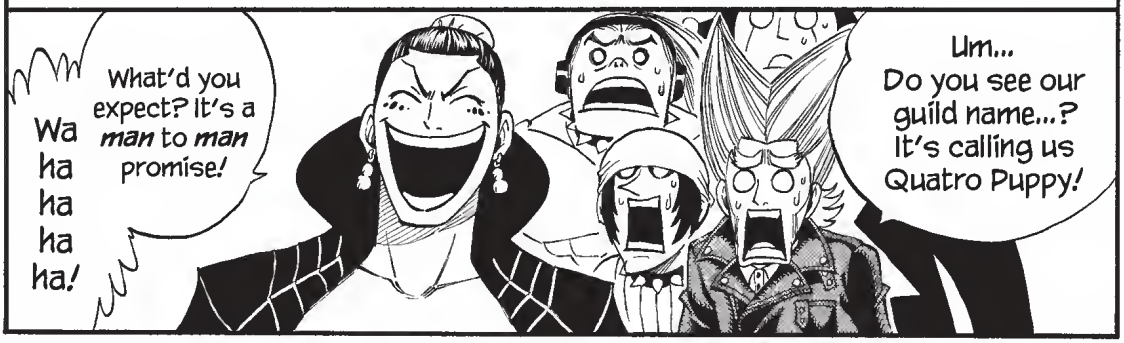
It was the end of the second day of the Grand Magic Games.
Leaving only five more until that fateful day.

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Grand Magic Games Results of the 2nd Day

1. Raven Tail	26P + 10	→	1. Raven Tail	36P
2. Saber Tooth	20P + 0	→	2. Saber Tooth	20P
2. Lamia Scale	20P + 0	→	2. Lamia Scale	20P
4. Blue Pegasus	17P + 0	→	4. Mermaid Heel	19P
5. Quatro Puppy	12P + 0	→	5. Blue Pegasus	17P
6. Mermaid Heel	9P + 10	→	6. Quatro Puppy	12P
7. Fairy Tail B	2P + 10	→	6. Fairy Tail B	12P
7. Fairy Tail A	2P + 10	→	6. Fairy Tail A	12P



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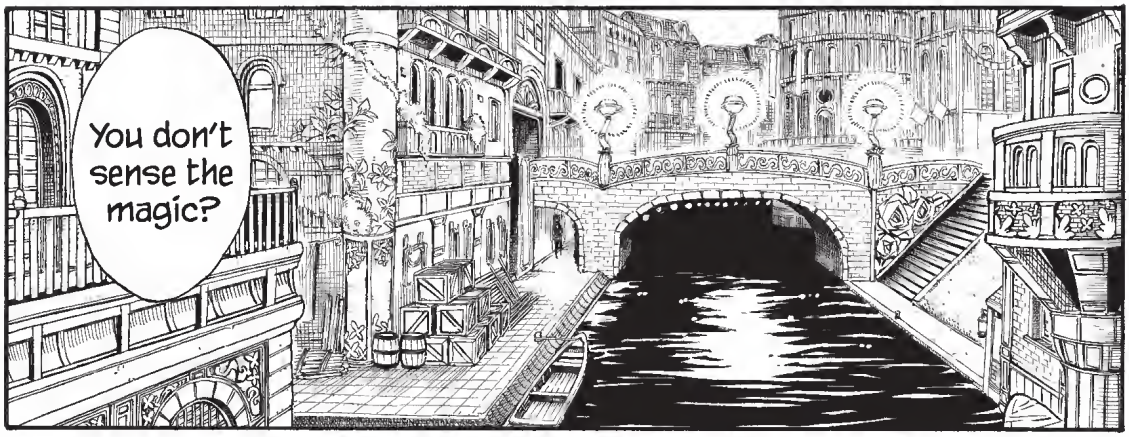
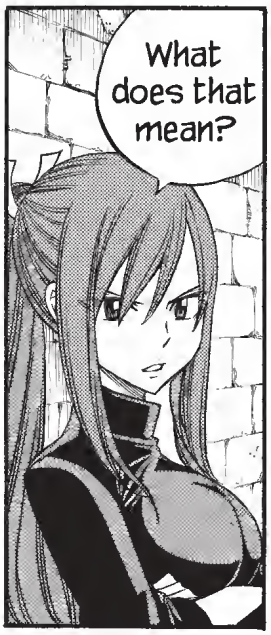
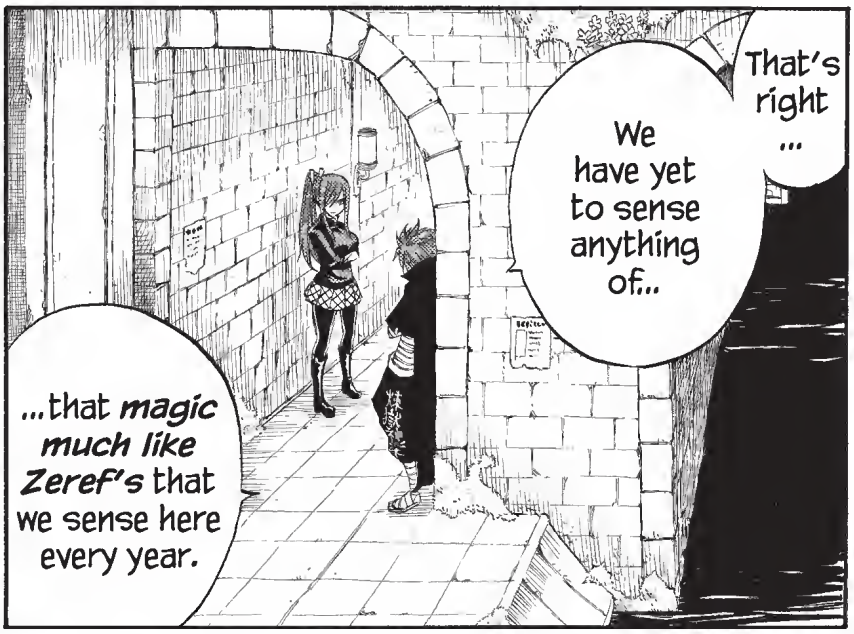
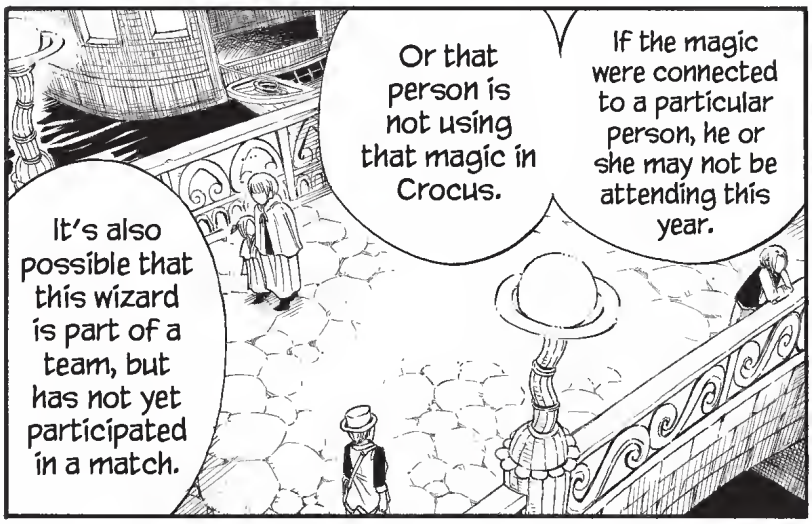
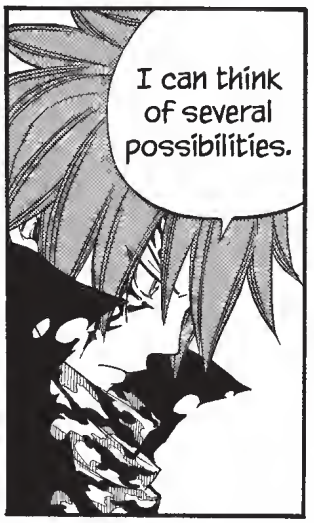
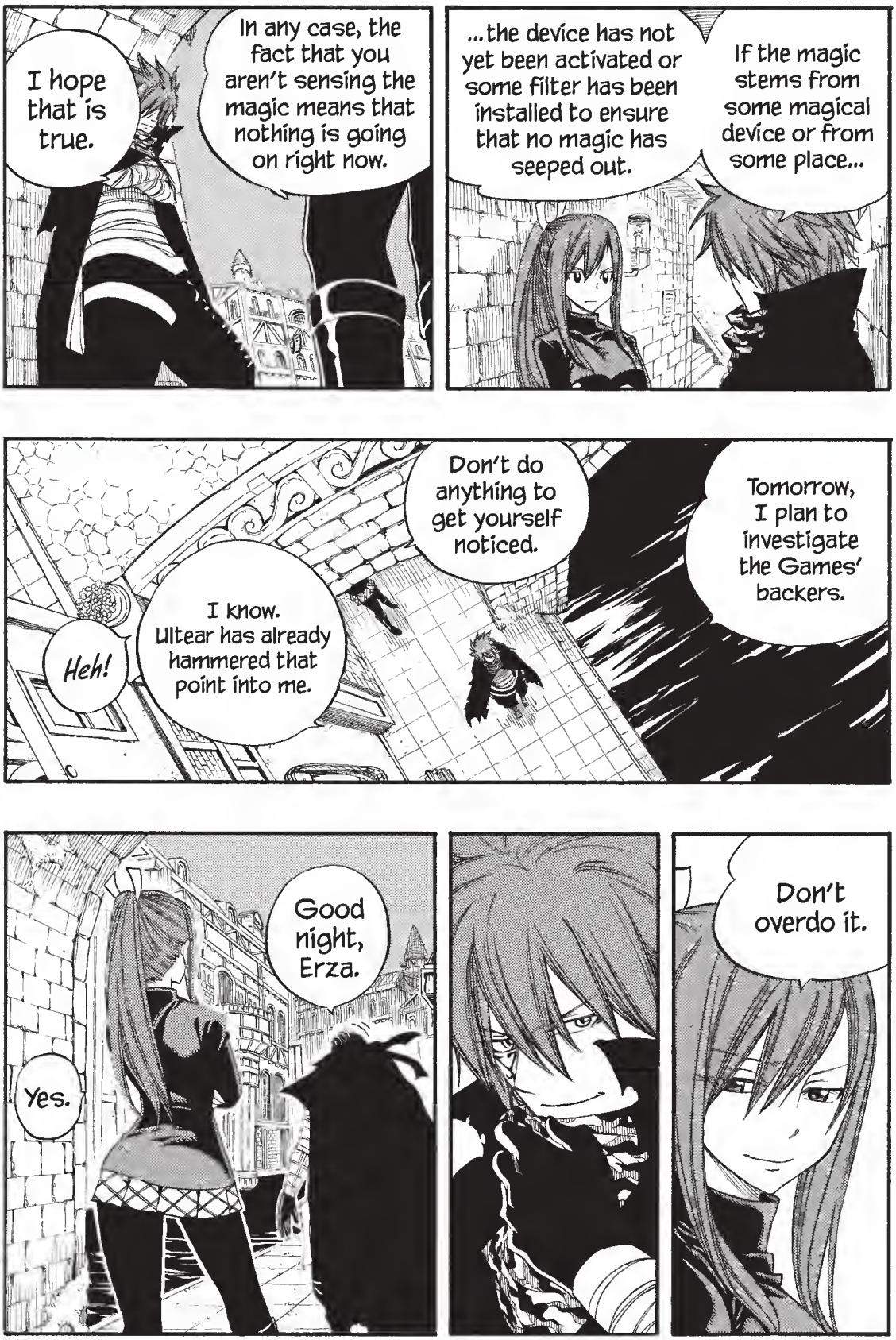

You don't sense the magic?

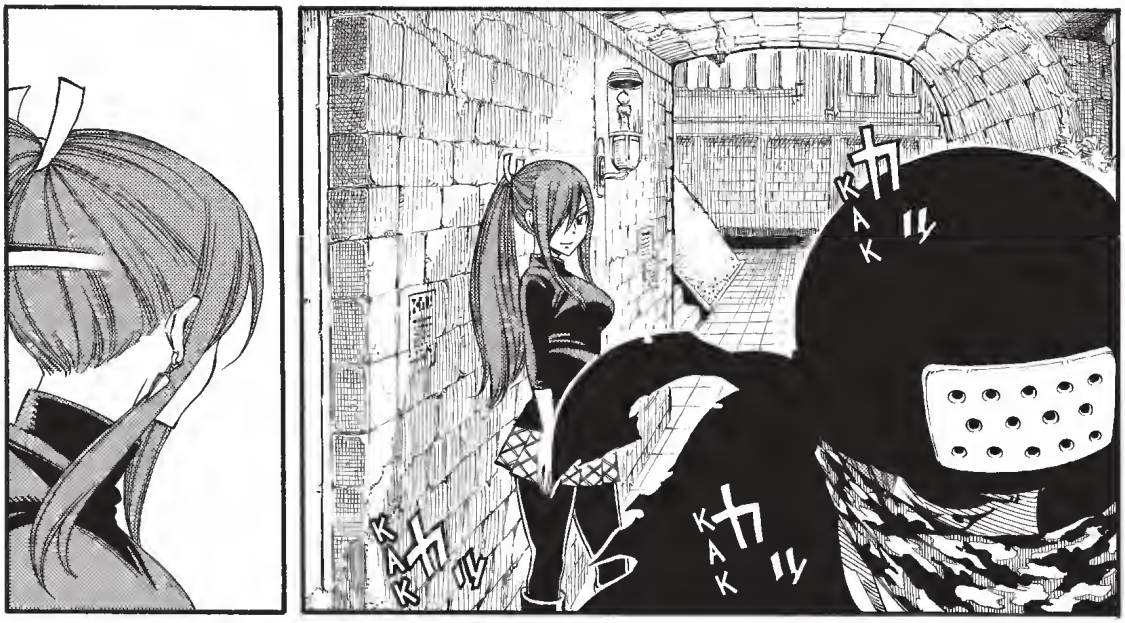

What does that mean?


That's right ...
We have yet to sense anything of...
...that *magic much like Zeref's* that we sense here every year.


It's also possible that this wizard is part of a team, but has not yet participated in a match.
Or that person is not using that magic in Crocus.
If the magic were connected to a particular person, he or she may not be attending this year.


I can think of several possibilities.


I hope that is true.
In any case, the fact that you aren't sensing the magic means that nothing is going on right now.
...the device has not yet been activated or some filter has been installed to ensure that no magic has seeped out.
If the magic stems from some magical device or from some place...
Heh!
I know. Ultear has already hammered that point into me.
Don't do anything to get yourself noticed.
Tomorrow, I plan to investigate the Games' backers.
Yes.
Good night, Erza.
Don't overdo it.


KAKU
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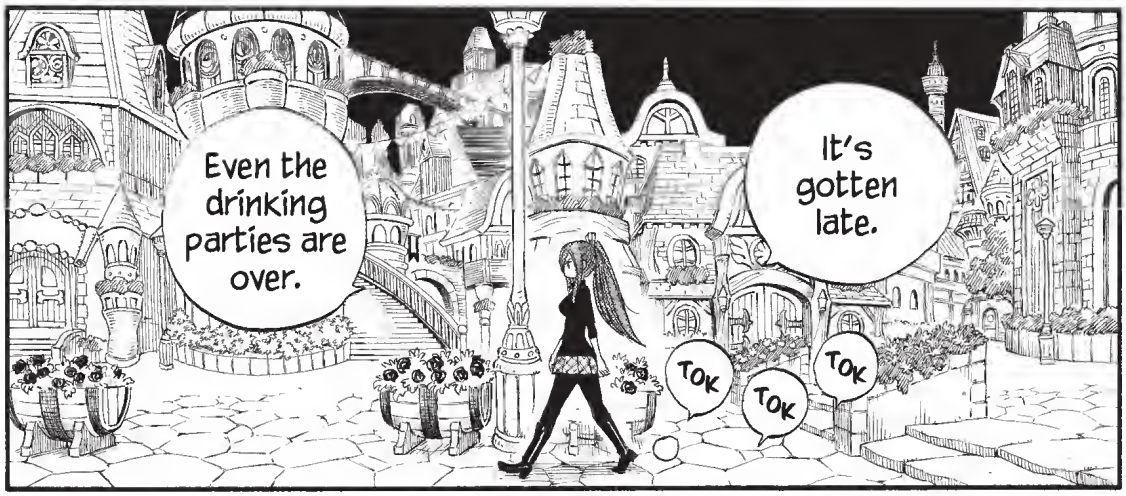
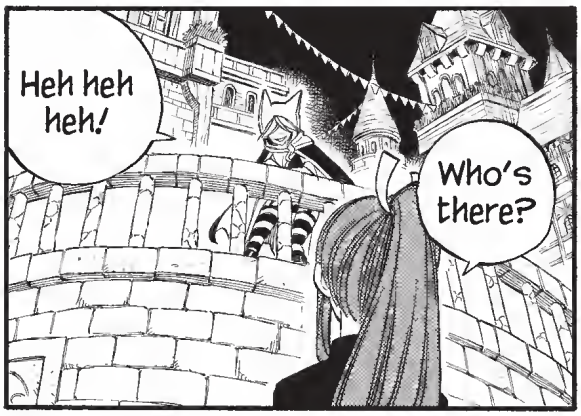
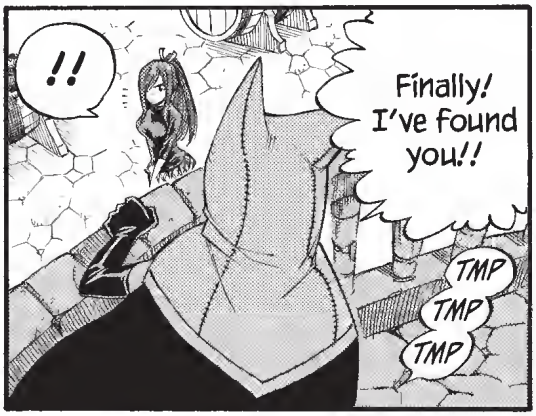
I never thought I'd have the chance to speak normally like that with her again...
Thank you, Erza...


Even the drinking parties are over.
It's gotten late.
TOK
TOK
TOK


Heh heh heh!
Who's there?


!!
Finally! I've found you!!
TMP
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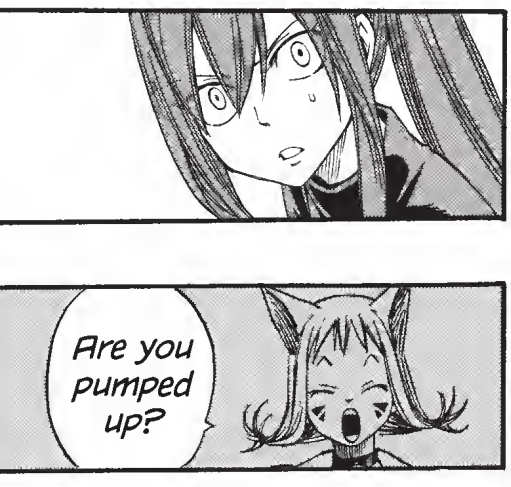
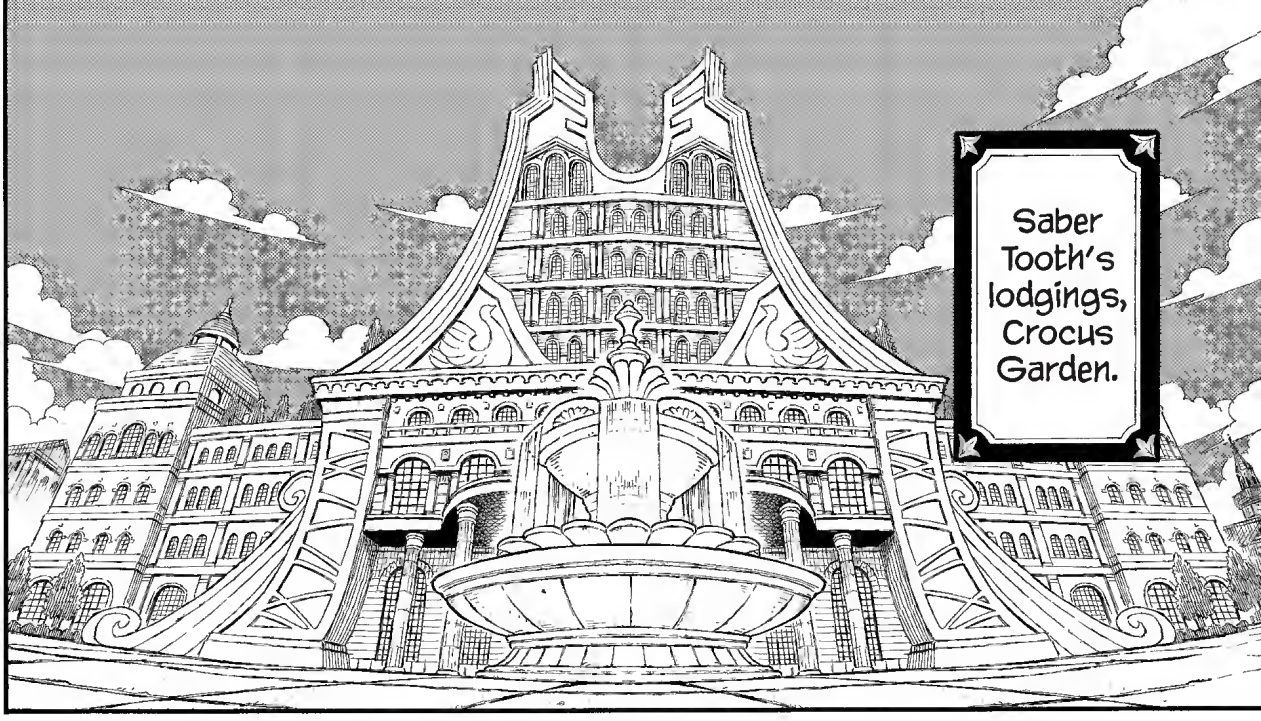

Are you pumped up?

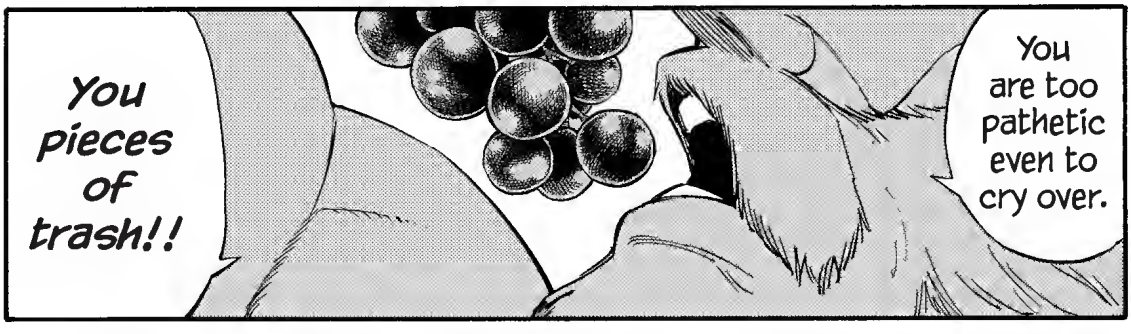
Are you pumped up?

Er-chan!
Long time, no see! ♡

Millianna!
みゃ! MYAA!
I missed you so much !!!
ばふっ WHUMPH
Ah ha ha! Millianna !!!

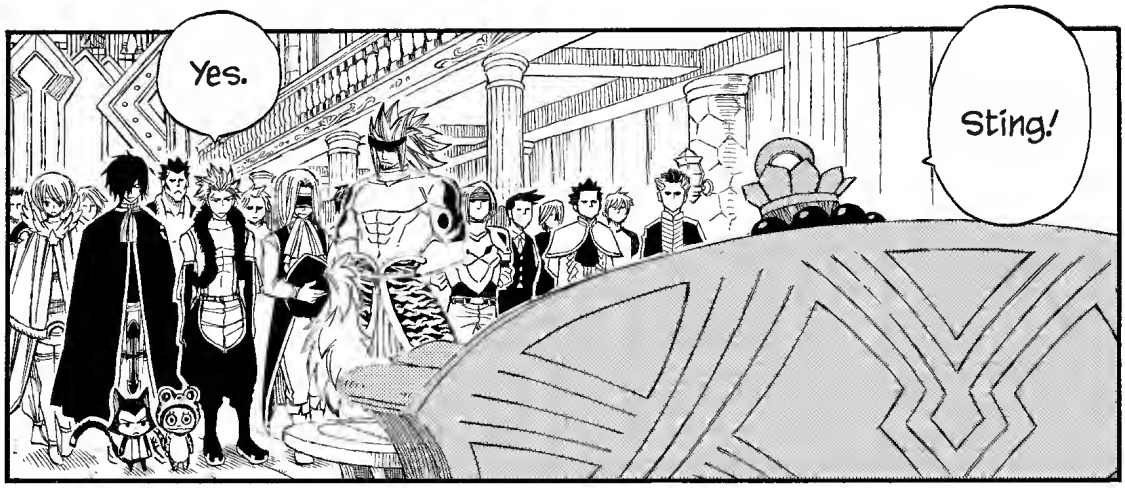
So it is.
What are you talking about? Mermaid Heel is an all-girls guild!
Did Shô and Wally join the same guild?
You're in a guild now?
Yep! Mermaid Heel!
Is that right ...?
They're still out journeying.
But we stay in touch.
I'm overjoyed to see you healthy.
SNIFF
Er-chan! Don't cry!
You are crying, too.
HUG
But I'm so happy to see you, Millianna!
So am I, Er-chan!


Saber Tooth's lodgings, Crocus Garden.

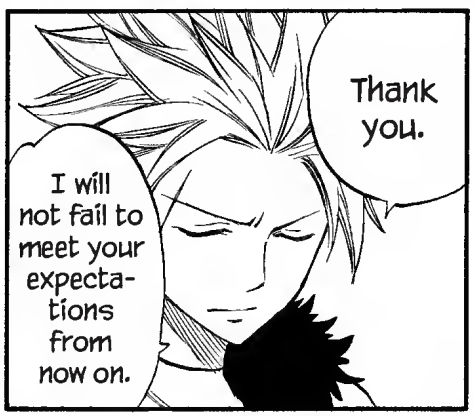

You pieces of trash!!
You are too pathetic even to cry over.

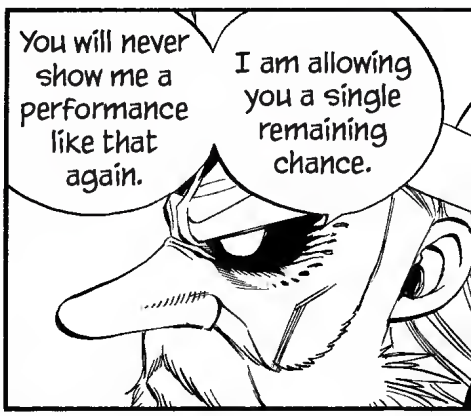
You do not see worms! You do not listen to them! You crush them beneath your feet!
The only things that catch our attention are bigger fish!
Just remember why we stand above all the other wizard guilds!
GUILD
GUILD
GUILD

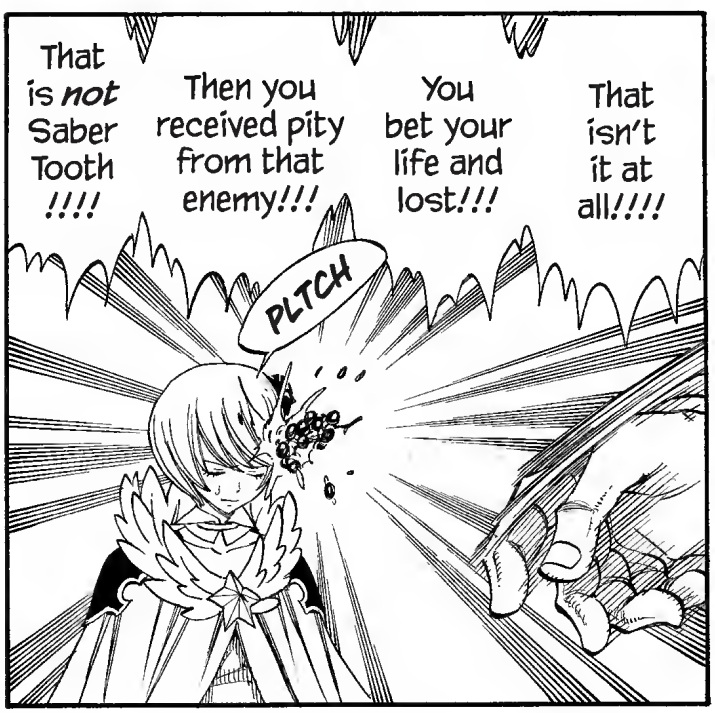
RUMMMBLE
You make the heavens roar! You make the earth boil! You silence the seas!
That is Saber Tooth!
SABER TOOTH
MASTER ZIEMMA


Yes.
Sting!

Yes.
Yukino.


Thank you.
I will not fail to meet your expectations from now on.

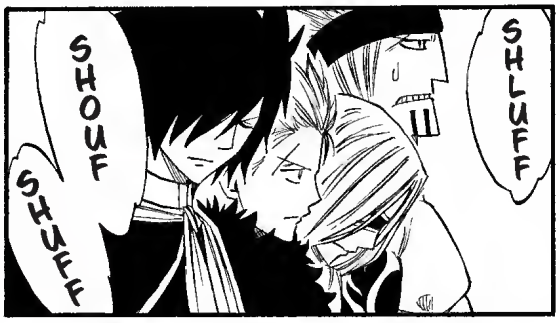

You will never show me a performance like that again.
I am allowing you a single remaining chance.


That is *not* Saber Tooth !!!!
Then you received pity from that enemy!!!
You bet your life and lost!!!
That isn't it at all!!!!
PLTCH

You know that, don't you?
No lame excuse can help you!
Yes... I was defeated by a single member of another guild... That fact sullies the name of Saber Tooth.

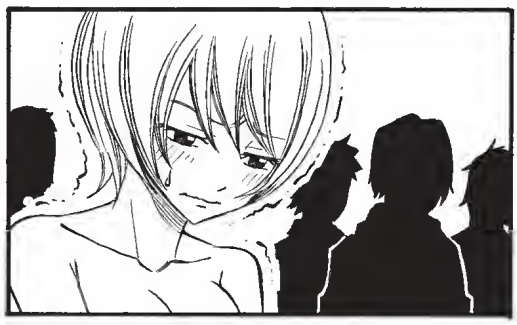
Yes.
As you say.
Strip off your clothes!
Yes... I am ready to accept whatever punishment you deem appropriate.

SHLIFF
Yukino ...
Please, Frosch! Just shut up!
SLMM

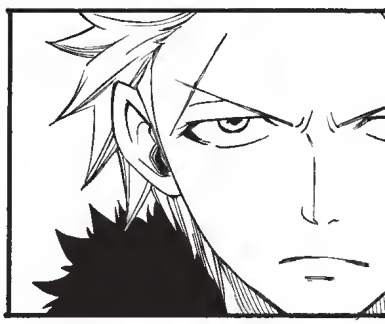

SHLUFF
SHOUF
SHUFF

Your guild mark...
...make it vanish!

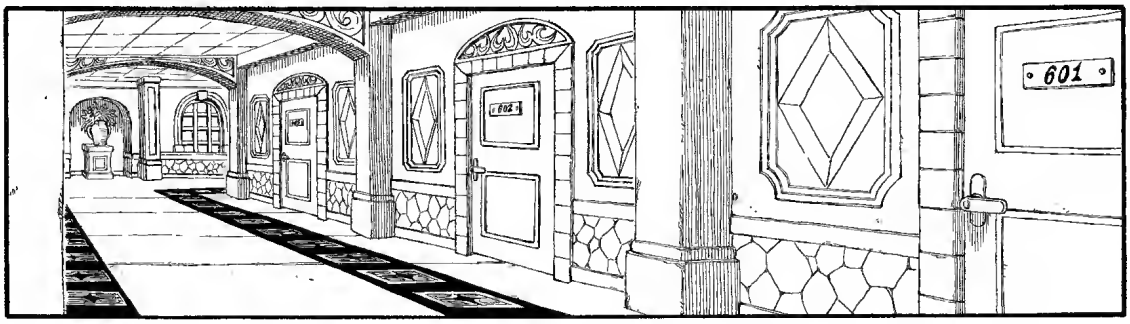
...Yes.



It has only been a short time...
...but I thank you for your hospitality.



Get the hell out!
Trash!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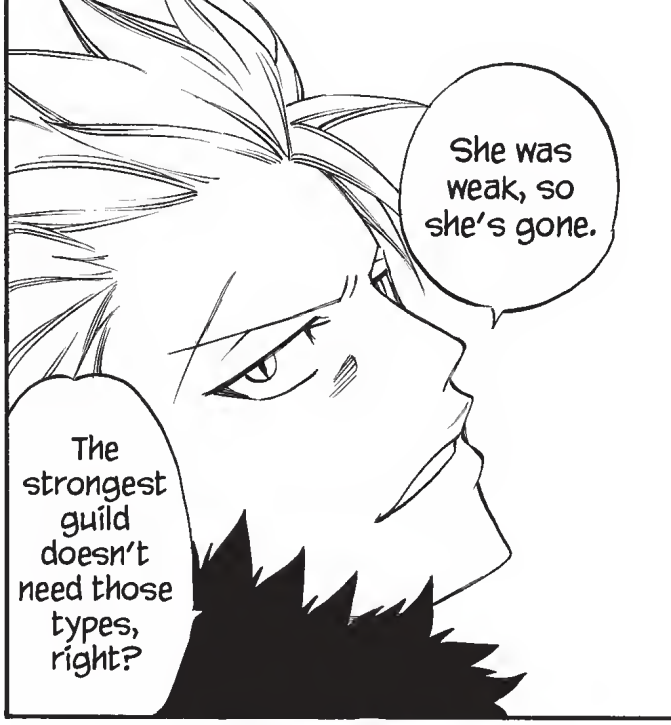
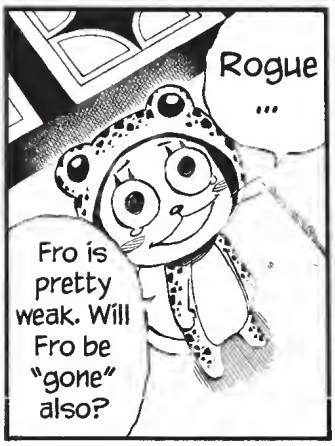
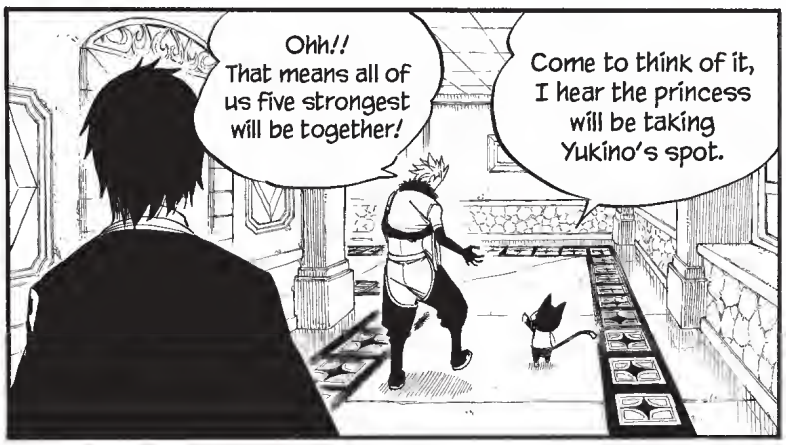
Huh?
Is that what a "guild" is?

Yukino was a comrade.

He always goes to extremes... The master...
Fro is sad.
What do you expect? That's how we got to be the strongest guild, right?

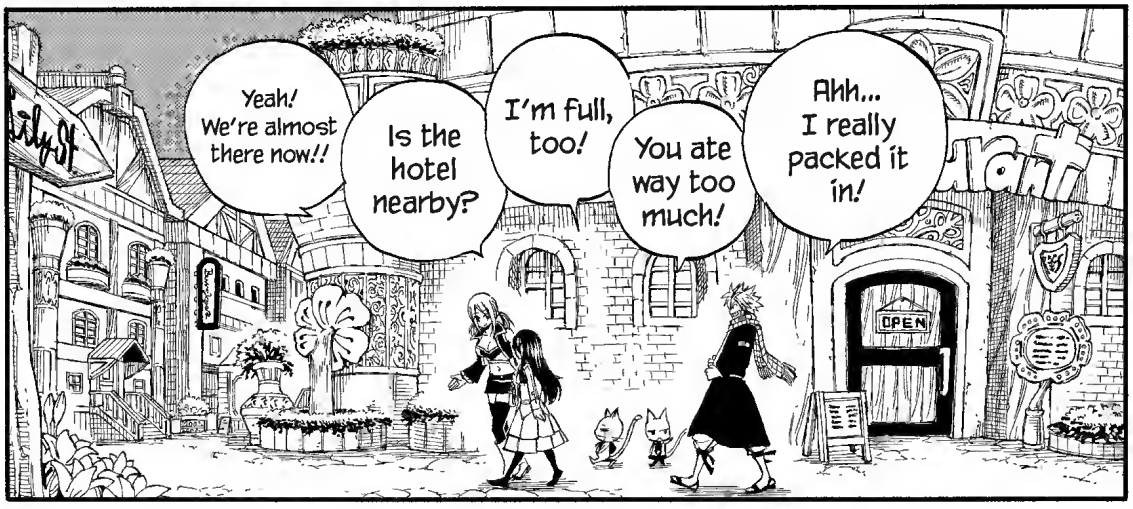

She was weak, so she's gone.
The strongest guild doesn't need those types, right?


Rogue ...
Fro is pretty weak. Will Fro be "gone" also?


Ohh!! That means all of us five strongest will be together!
Come to think of it, I hear the princess will be taking Yukino's spot.

Yeah!!
Fro isn't going anywhere!

You're not going anywhere, Frosch.
Because you have me on your side.


Yeah! We're almost there now!!
Is the hotel nearby?
I'm full, too!
You ate way too much!
Ahh... I really packed it in!
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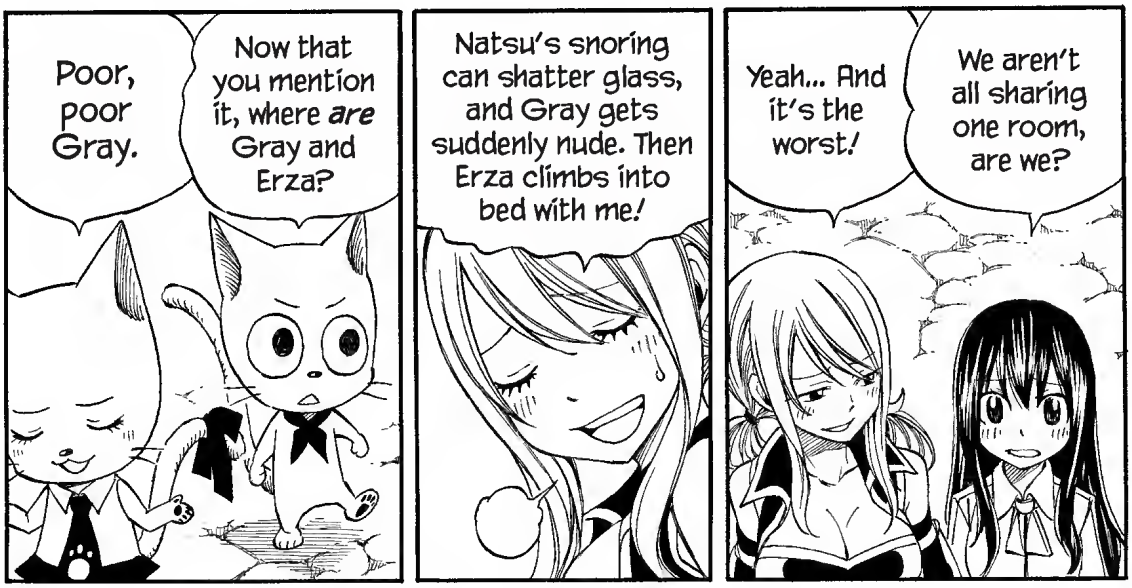
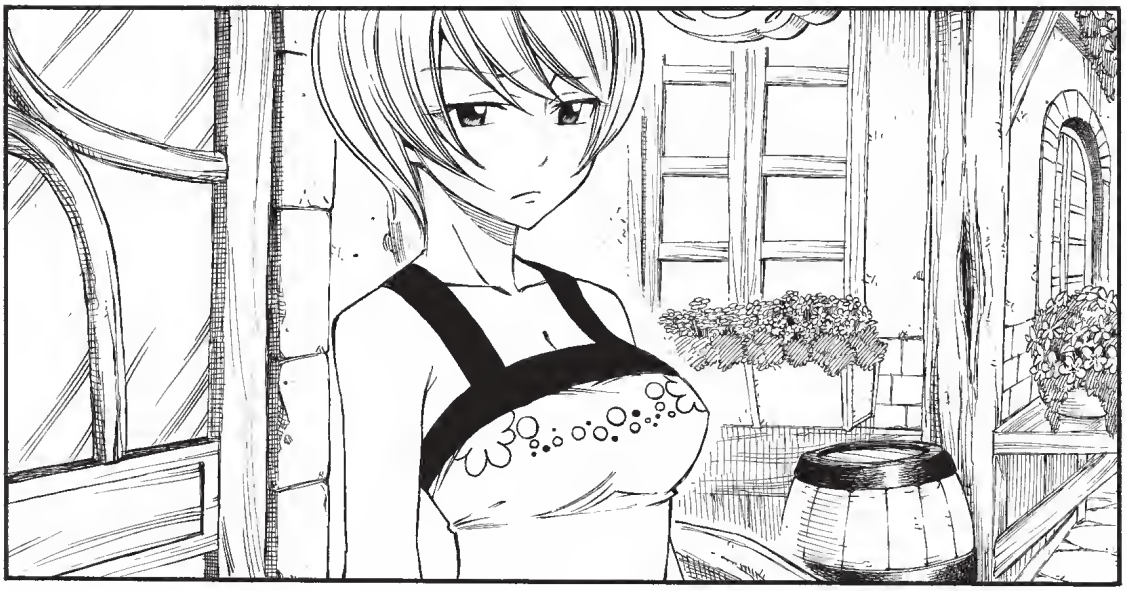
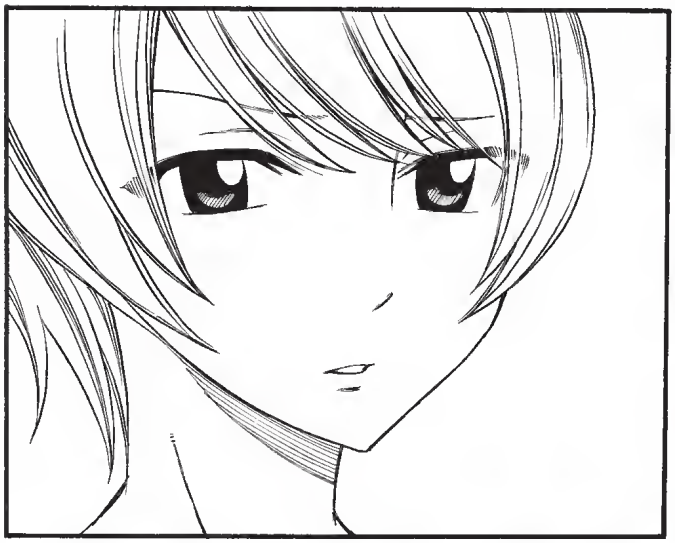

Poor, poor Gray.
Now that you mention it, where *are* Gray and Erza?
Natsu's snoring can shatter glass, and Gray gets suddenly nude. Then Erza climbs into bed with me!
Yeah... And it's the worst!
We aren't all sharing one room, are we?

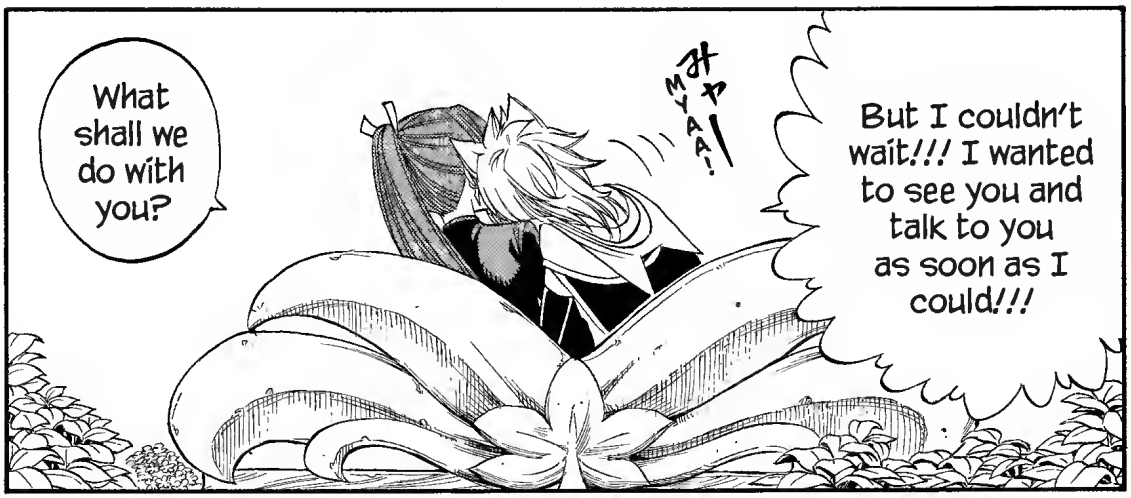
Come to think of it, I haven't seen her.
And Erza?
JUVIA WANTS YOU TO CONFESS ALL TOO!
YOU WILL CONFESS ALL!
I hear he got ambushed and carted off by Lyon.
Love!
I don't think she's *alone!*
She said she had something to do alone.
Huh?
Could it be KISS-KISS, KISS-KISS?
You two have good eyes!
You're right. Who might it be...
Hm? There's somebody standing in front of our hotel.



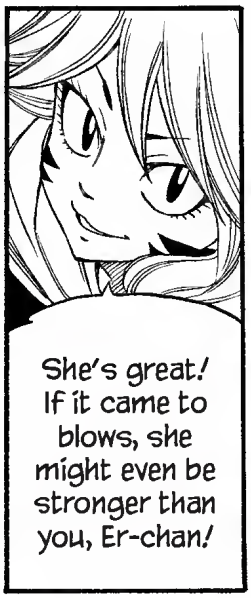


It's you!
The Celestial Wizard...
...from Saber Tooth.

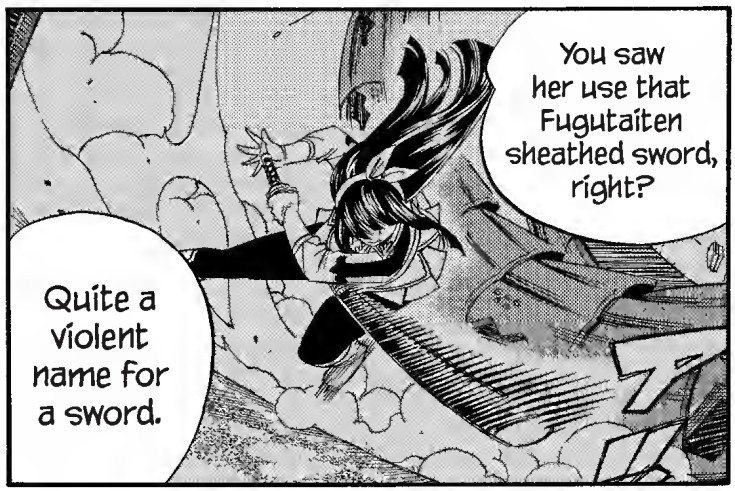
The truth is I wanted us to win the Games, then I'd reveal who I was...
...to surprise you, Er-chan, and everybody else.

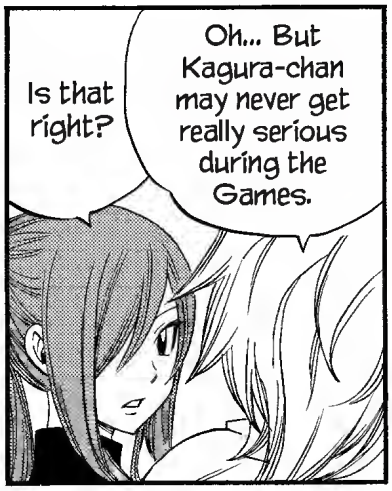

What shall we do with you?
MYAA!
But I couldn't wait!!! I wanted to see you and talk to you as soon as I could!!!

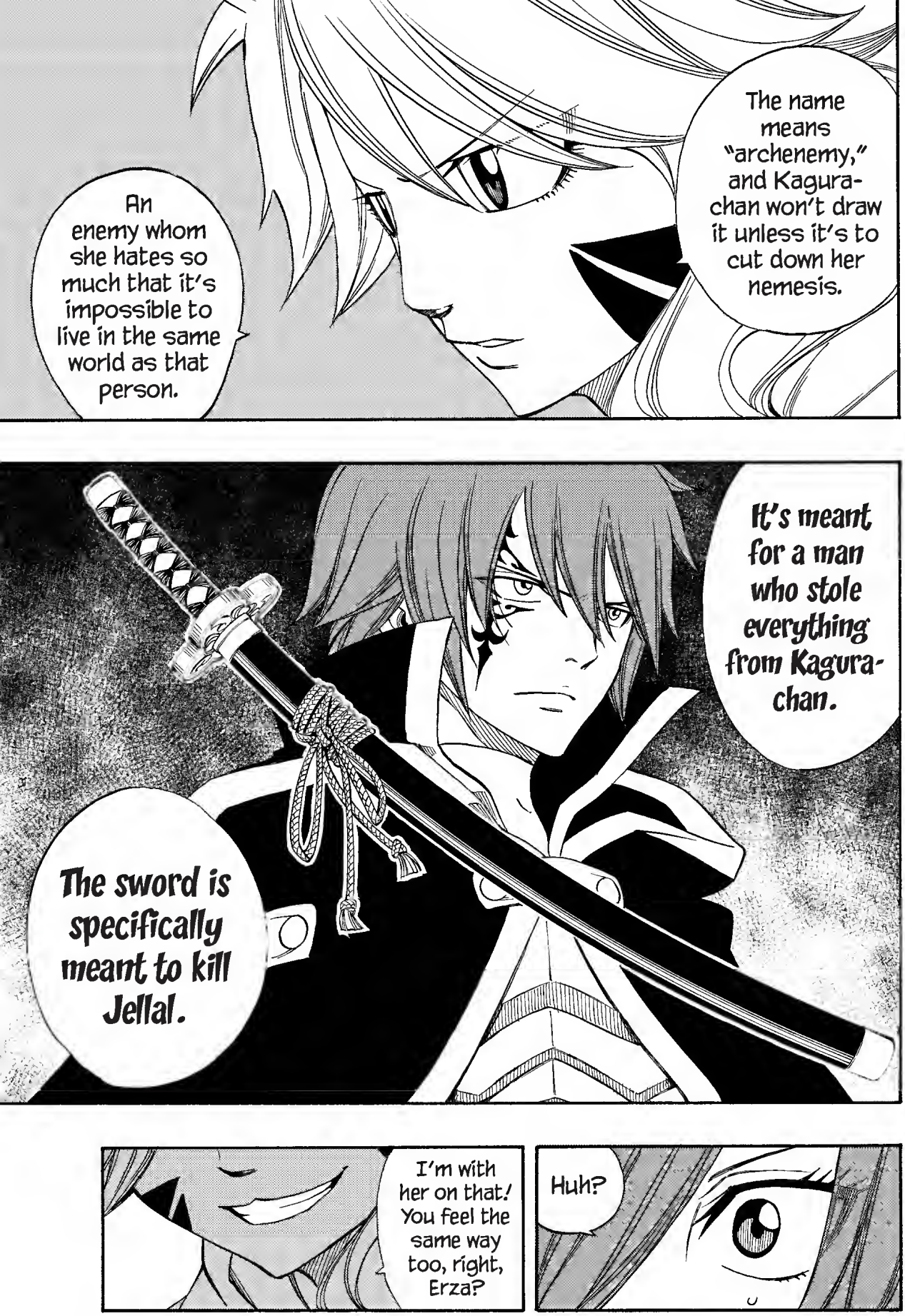
I hope she and I can face off at some point.
You may even get the chance during these Games.


She's great! If it came to blows, she might even be stronger than you, Er-chan!

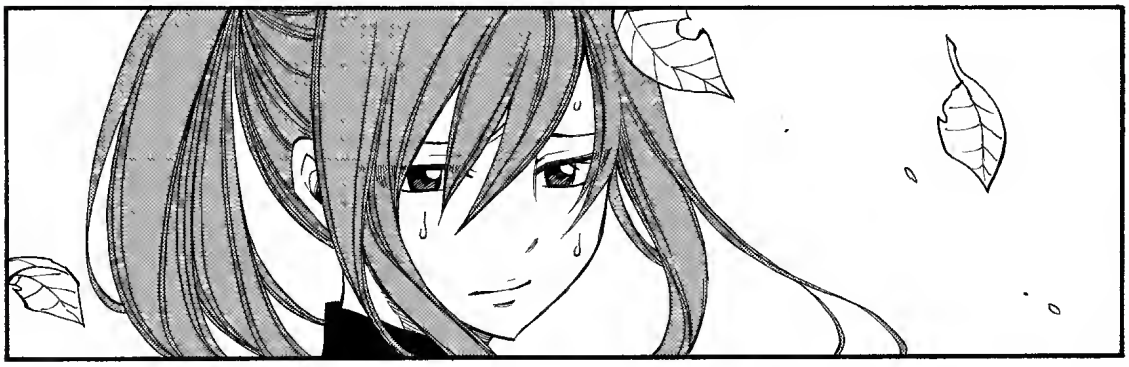
But I must say how impressed I was at the strength of Kagura from your guild.


You saw her use that Fugutaiten sheathed sword, right?
Quite a violent name for a sword.


Oh... But Kagura-chan may never get really serious during the Games.
Is that right?


The name means "archenemy," and Kagura-chan won't draw it unless it's to cut down her nemesis.
An enemy whom she hates so much that it's impossible to live in the same world as that person.
It's meant for a man who stole everything from Kagura-chan.
The sword is specifically meant to kill Jellal.
I'm with her on that! You feel the same way too, right, Erza?
Huh?

Oh, I really hate Jellal, too...
He made us into slaves again. He murdered Simon!
I will never forgive or forget!
That's why I wanted to enter the same guild as Kagura-chan!



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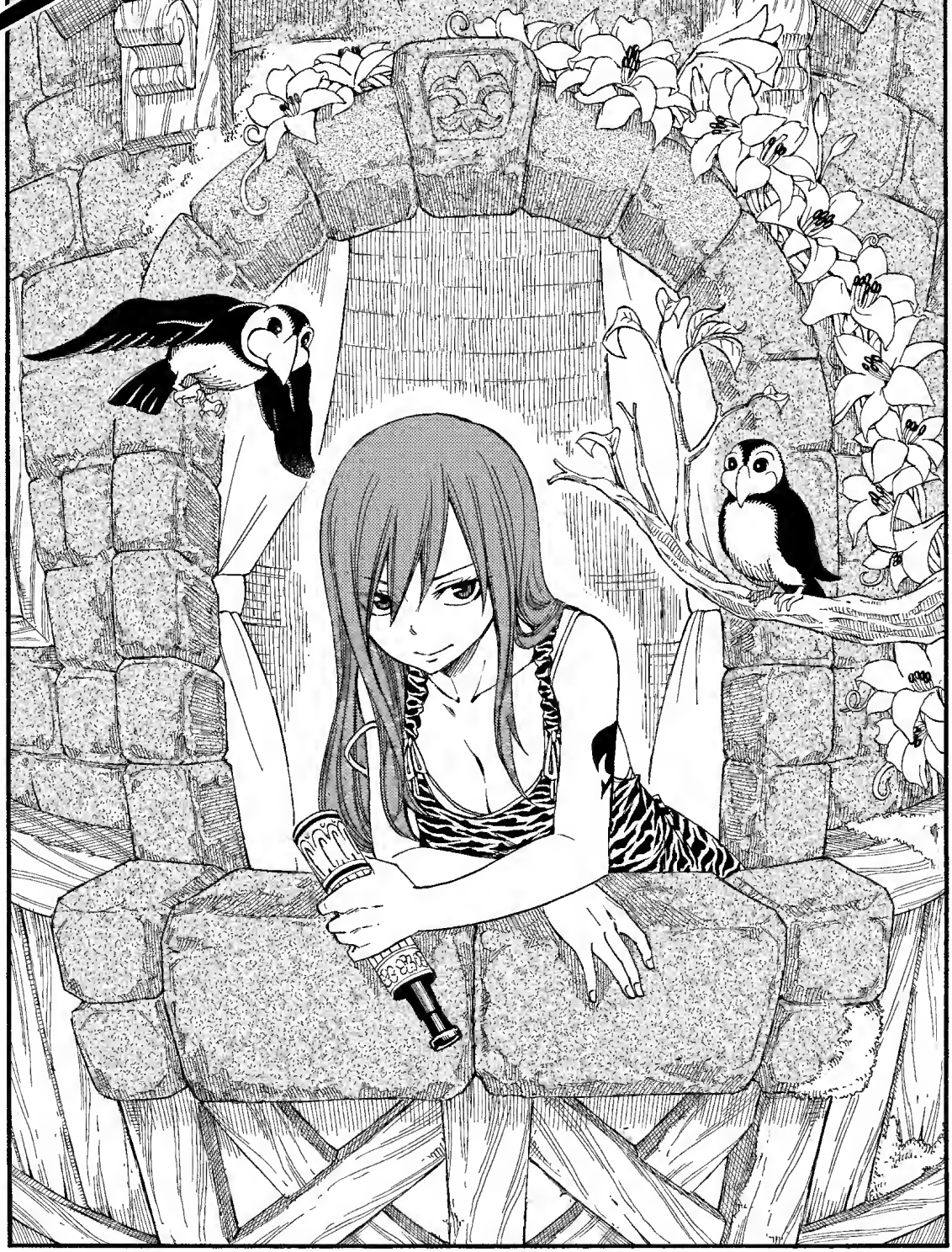

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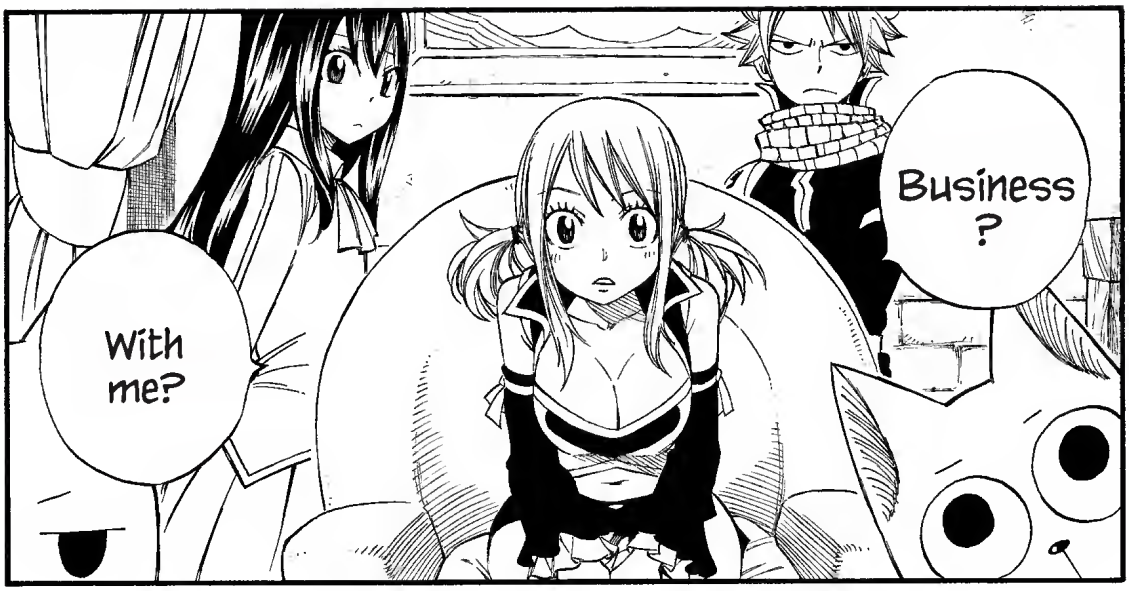
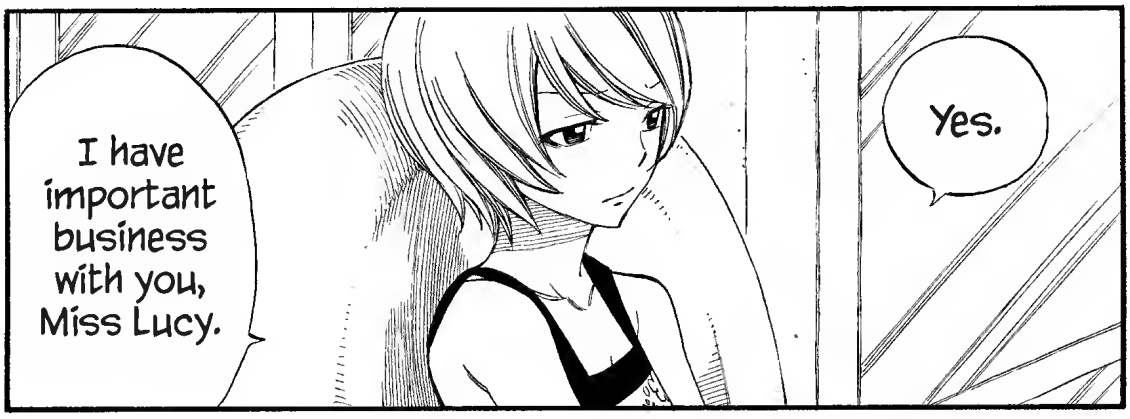
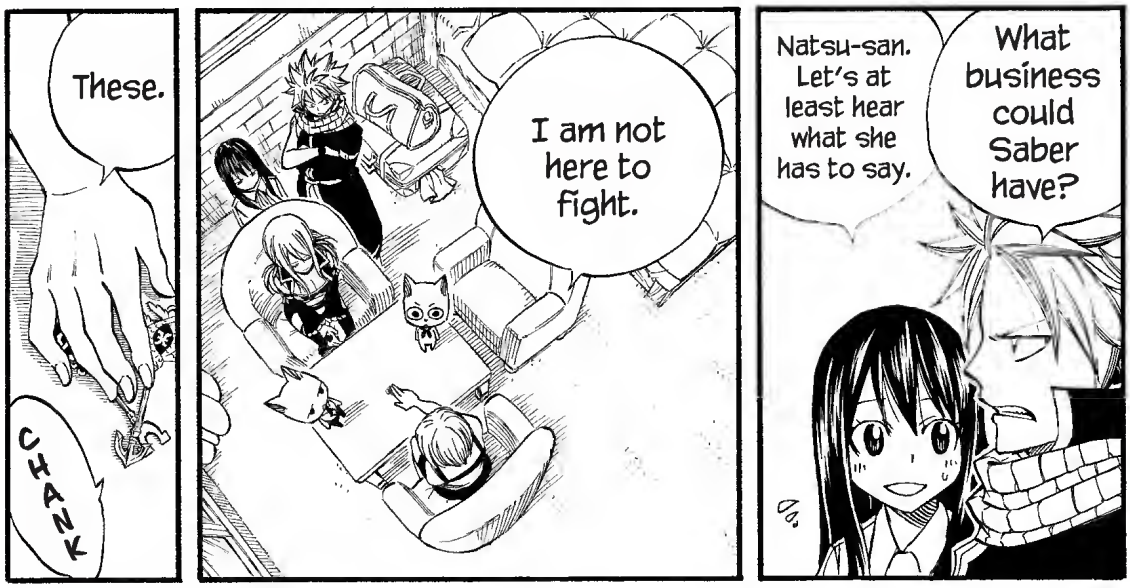
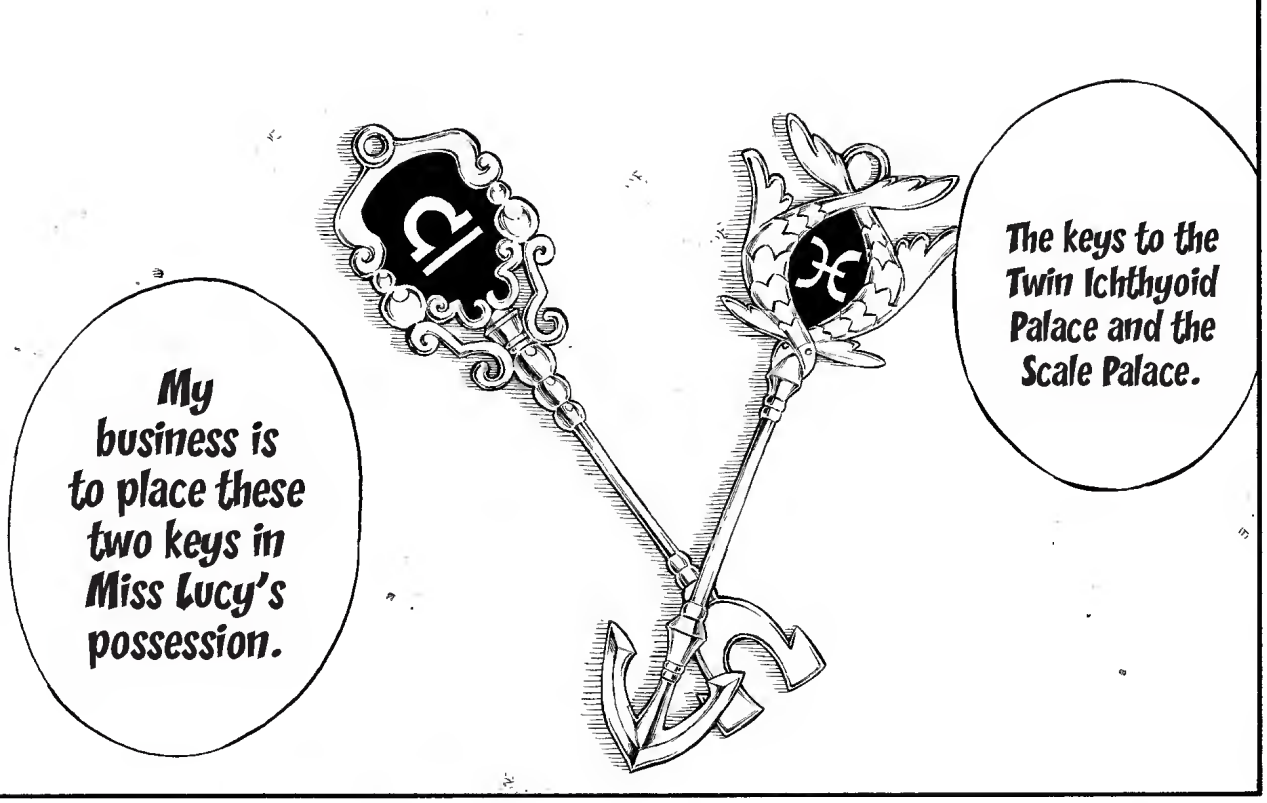
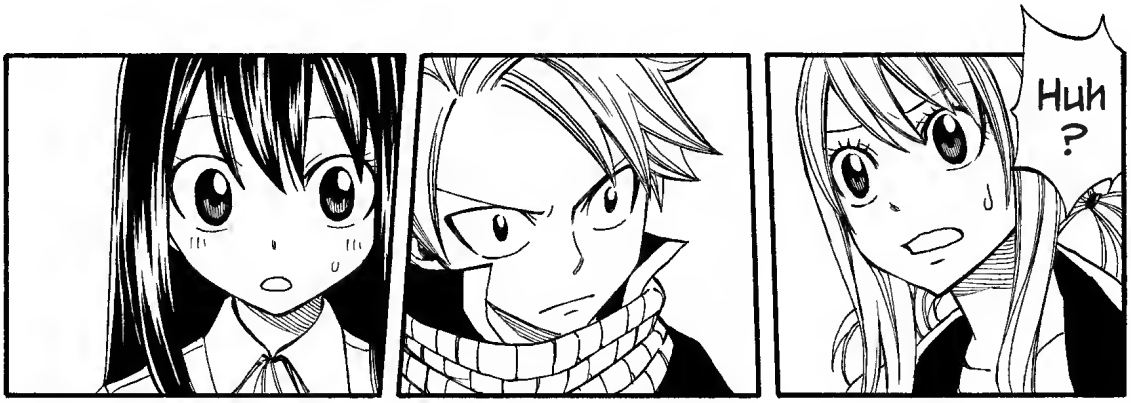

Business ?
With me?


Yes.
I have important business with you, Miss Lucy.


These.
CHANK
I am not here to fight.
Natsu-san. Let's at least hear what she has to say.
What business could Saber have?


The keys to the Twin Ichthyoid Palace and the Scale Palace.
My business is to place these two keys in Miss Lucy's possession.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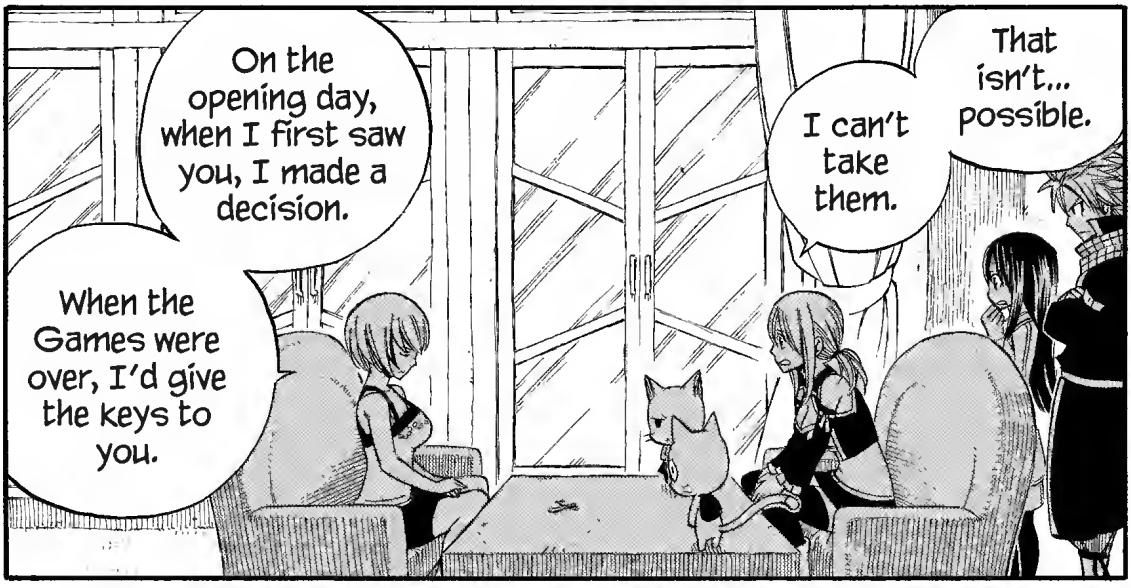
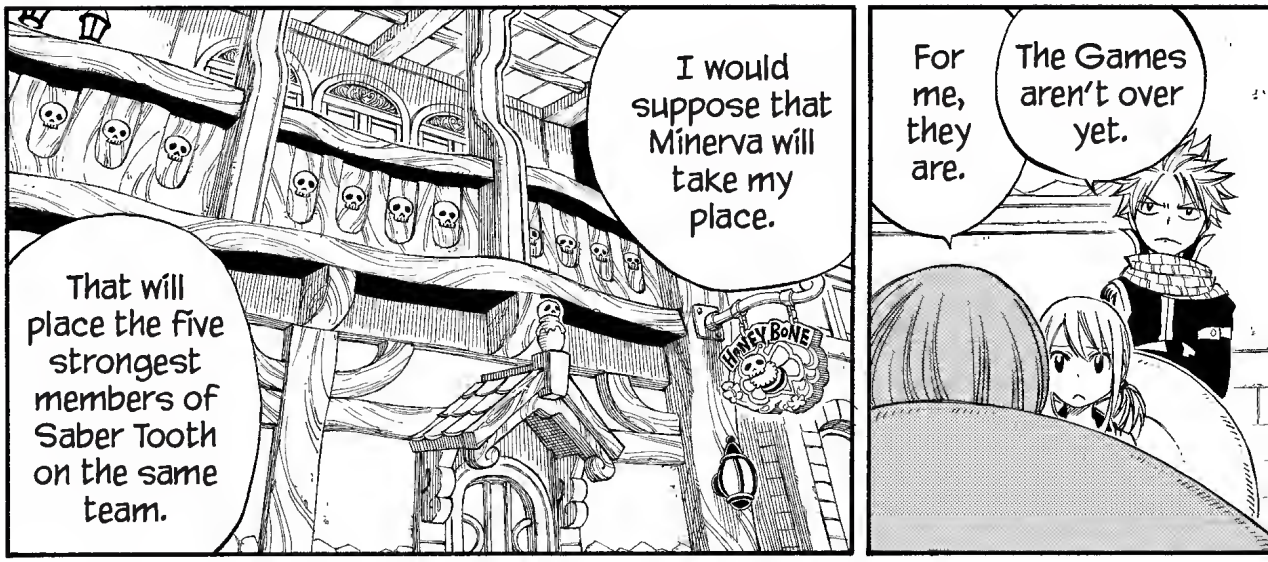
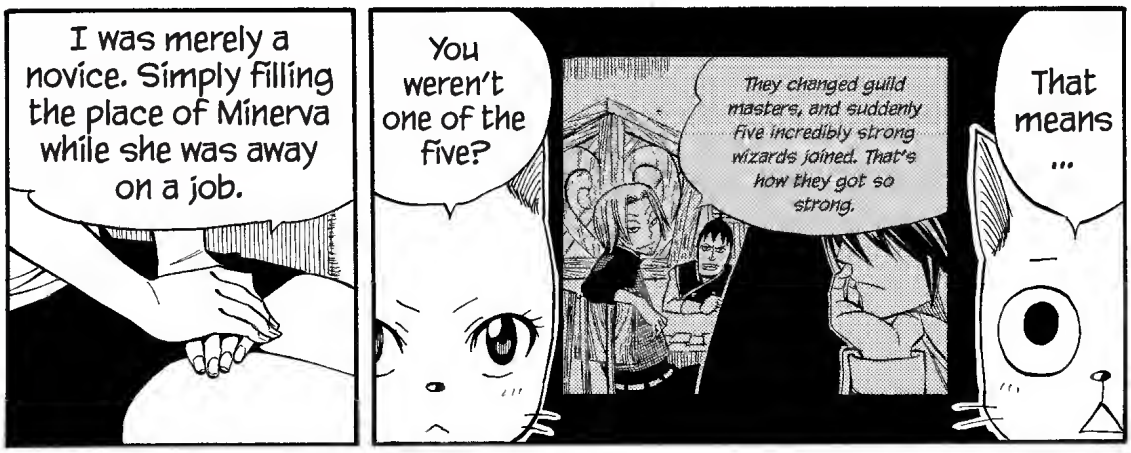
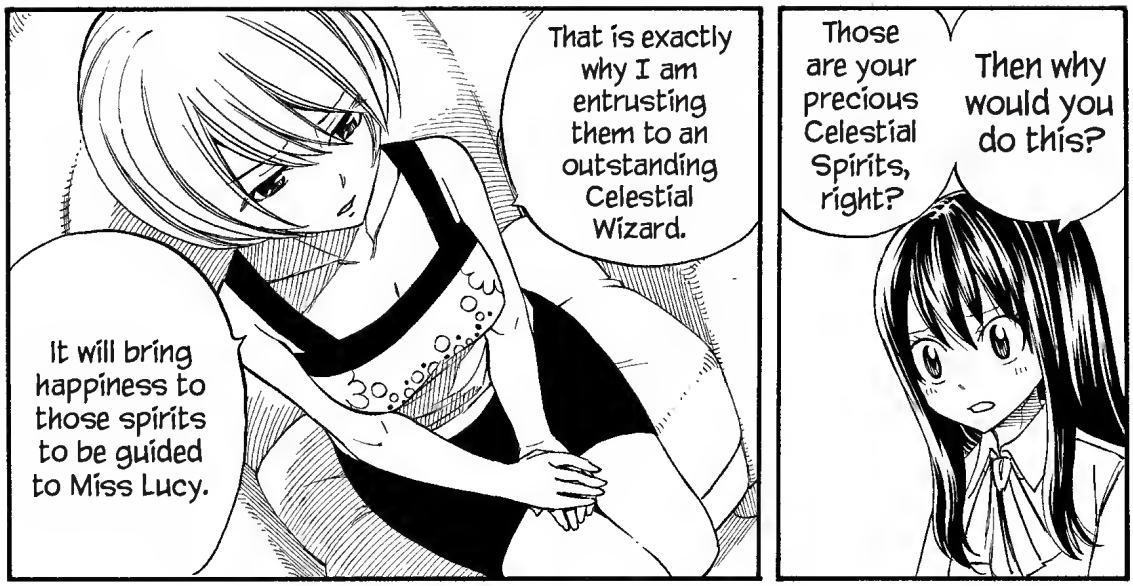
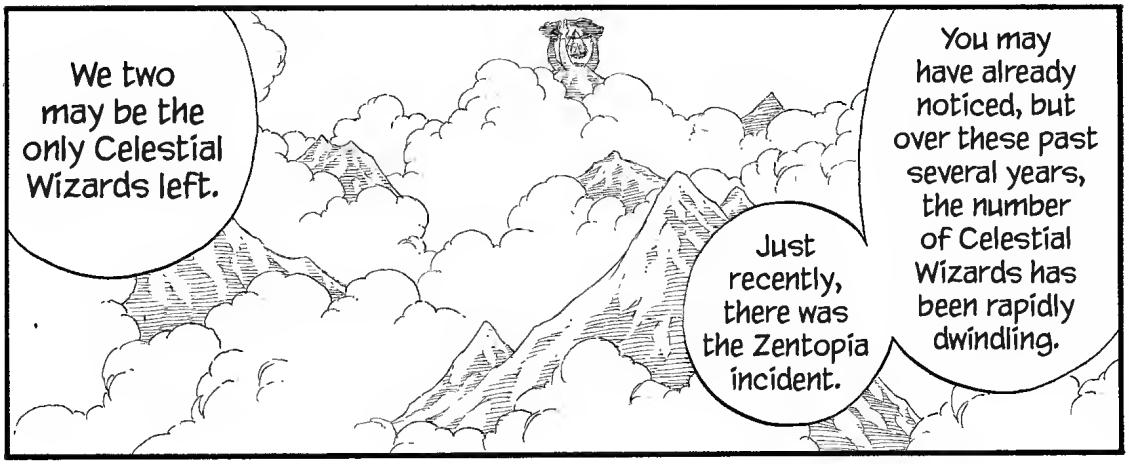

On the opening day, when I first saw you, I made a decision.
When the Games were over, I'd give the keys to you.
I can't take them.
That isn't... possible.

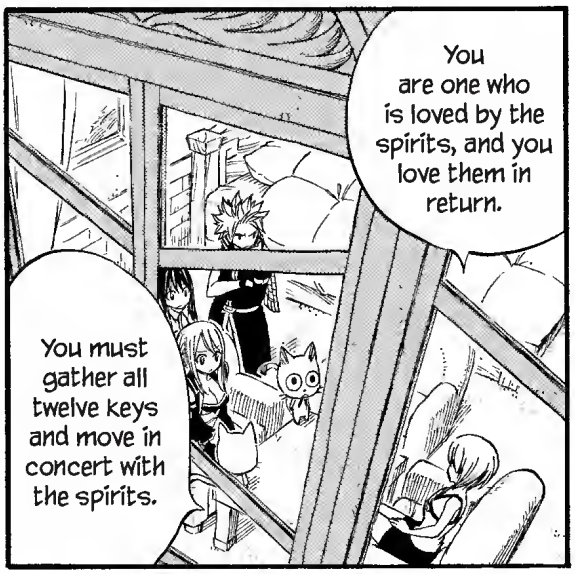

I would suppose that Minerva will take my place.
That will place the five strongest members of Saber Tooth on the same team.
HONEYBONE
The Games aren't over yet.
For me, they are.

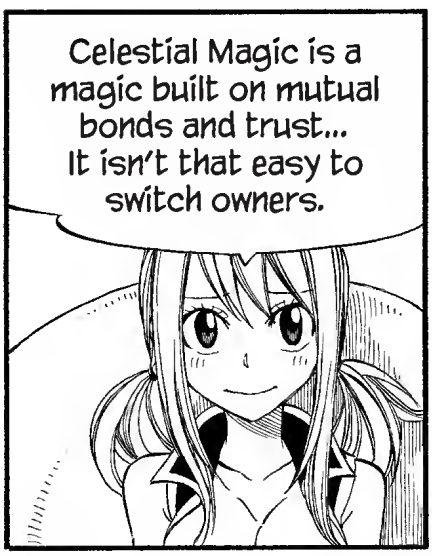

I was merely a novice. Simply filling the place of Minerva while she was away on a job.
You weren't one of the five?
They changed guild masters, and suddenly five incredibly strong wizards joined. That's how they got so strong.
That means ...


That is exactly why I am entrusting them to an outstanding Celestial Wizard.
It will bring happiness to those spirits to be guided to Miss Lucy.
Those are your precious Celestial Spirits, right?
Then why would you do this?

You have already gathered ten keys to the Twelve Golden Gates.
If you add my two...
I'm happy for the compliment...
...but I don't think...
Then you will have all twelve keys.
And you can open the gate that changes the world.
It is an old legend. Nothing more.
I do not understand the meaning of it myself.
The gate that changes the world?


We two may be the only Celestial Wizards left.
Just recently, there was the Zentopia incident.
You may have already noticed, but over these past several years, the number of Celestial Wizards has been rapidly dwindling.

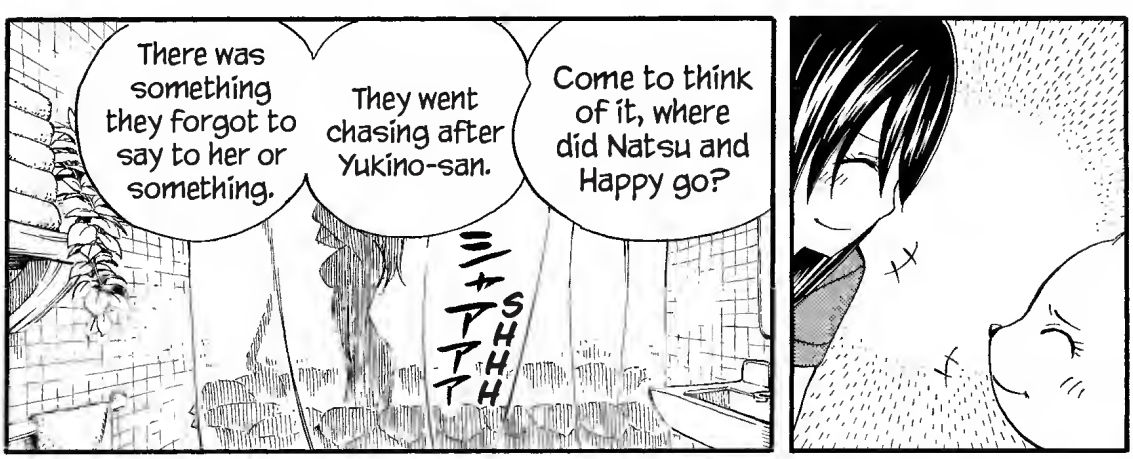

You are one who is loved by the spirits, and you love them in return.
You must gather all twelve keys and move in concert with the spirits.


Celestial Magic is a magic built on mutual bonds and trust... It isn't that easy to switch owners.

?!
No. I *can't* take them.

...all twelve keys will be gathered together again.
It is obvious that when the time comes...
Nothing... I thought that this might be your reply.
Huh?
SWIPP
WHISPER
I do not consider this decision... easy.
I hope we may meet again.
HONEYBONE
NOD
A long time ago, I was all fired up to get all twelve.
But it really isn't an ambition of mine anymore.
You had the chance to get all twelve keys!
I'd say you just wasted a valuable opportunity.

As a member of Saber Tooth... Or maybe it's just her, but she really cared about what happened to her Celestial Spirits.
And I can't break the bonds between her and her spirits. Or should I say, I don't *want* to break those bonds?


There was something they forgot to say to her or something.
They went chasing after Yukino-san.
Come to think of it, where did Natsu and Happy go?
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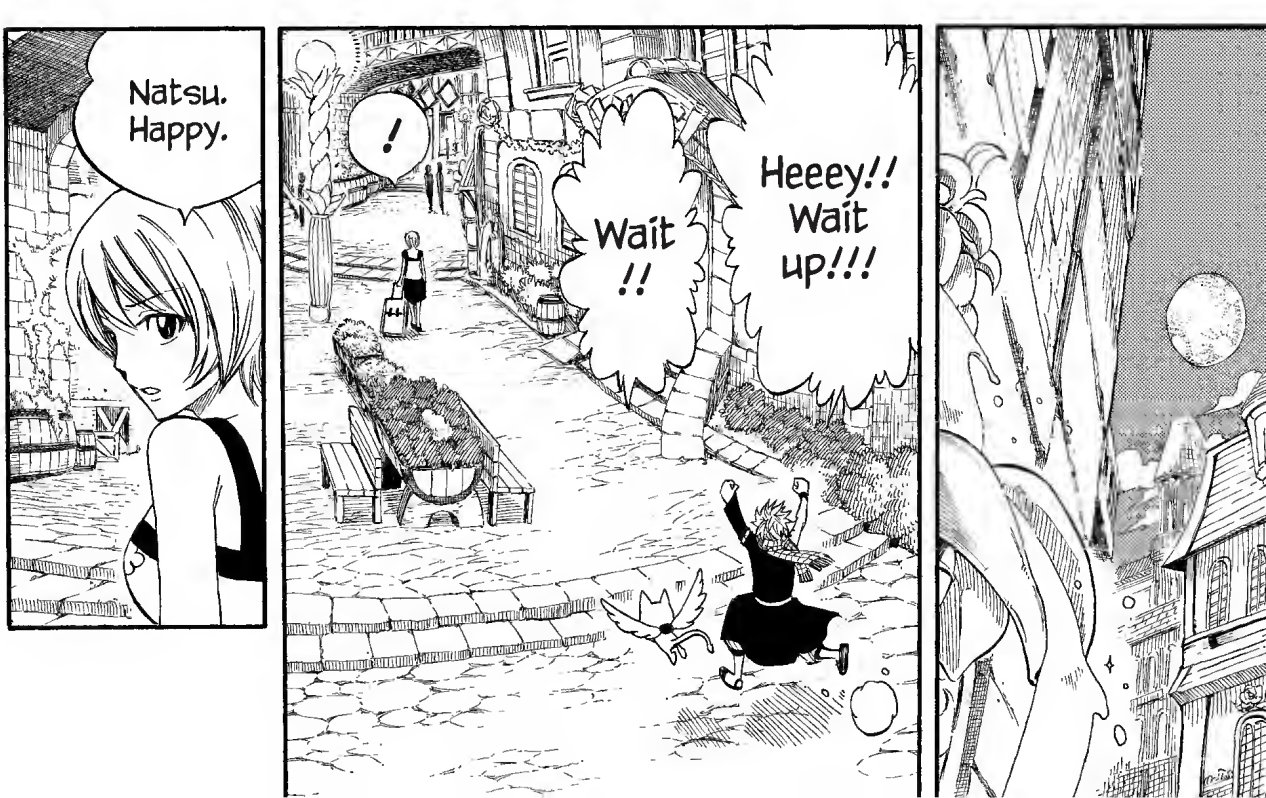
Natsu. Happy.
!
Wait !!
Heeey!! Wait up!!!

That's why I came to apologize, right?
Look, Natsu. You can't go deciding that people are bad or not just because they come from Saber Tooth.
You're not a bad person after all!
Gotta tell ya that I'm sorry.
You came chasing me all the way here for that...?
We're really sorry. And apologizing for it means that Natsu has matured just a tiny bit.
What's that supposed to mean?!
Too casual!!
My bad.
Apologize?
Forgive me.
No...
No problem! No problem! And don't apologize while I'm apologizing, okay?
Well, you know, you got this dark look about you.
And I thought maybe it was 'cause of my attitude!

PLIP...
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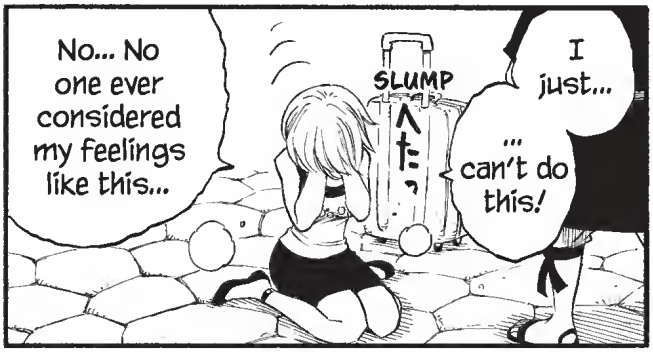
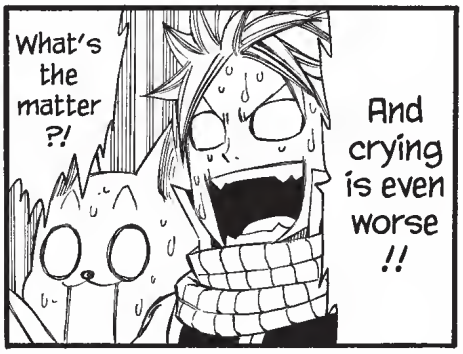
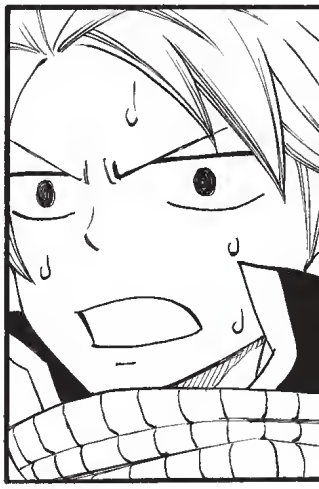
ポロ
PLIP...


No... No one ever considered my feelings like this...
SLUMP
へたっ
I just...
... can't do this!


What's the matter ?!
And crying is even worse !!

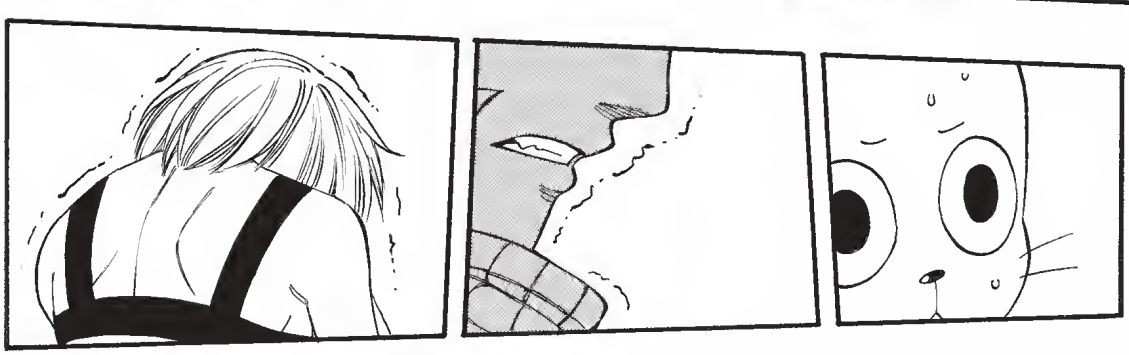
But now... I can never go back there again!

I had always yearned to join Saber Tooth.
And last year, I finally was able to join...



I lost once...
...and they made me quit!
Huh?
I was forced to strip in front of a crowd of people...
...and remove my guild mark...
It was so horrible!! So shameful...
My memories... My self-respect... They were all crushed...

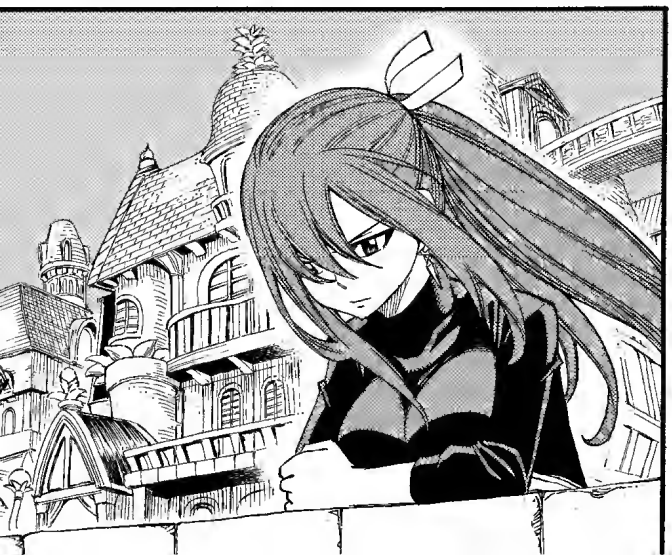
And now I have no place left to go...

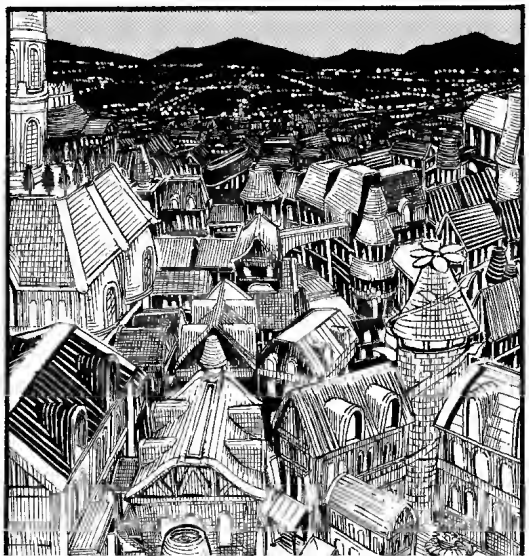


I can guess how awful it must be to be humiliated and forced to take off your mark!
You may be from another guild, but we're both wizards, and I get that!
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
Yes... Forgive me. I couldn't... help it...
Natsu ...
Sorry, but I don't know what goes on in other guilds...

Any guild that makes their friends cry...
...can't be called a guild at all!!!!

Friends...

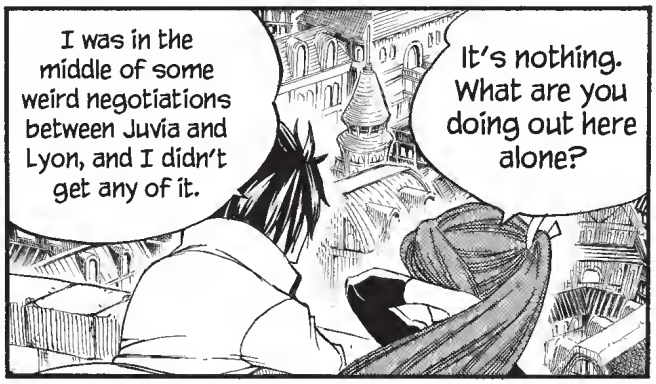




"I will never forgive or forget!"
"I really hate Jellal, too..."
No...

Gray?
Why are you out here?
What is it, Erza?

I was not there, but I believe I understand the gist of it.
What? "Didn't get it," you say?


I was in the middle of some weird negotiations between Juvia and Lyon, and I didn't get any of it.
It's nothing. What are you doing out here alone?

You are not stupid, so you must see how Juvia feels.
Urk...
It is time you made up your mind, is it not?

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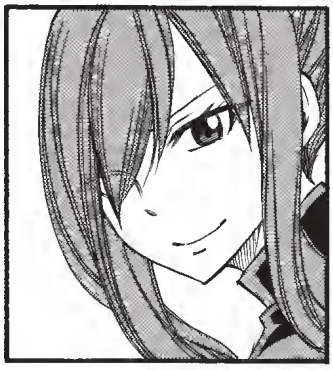
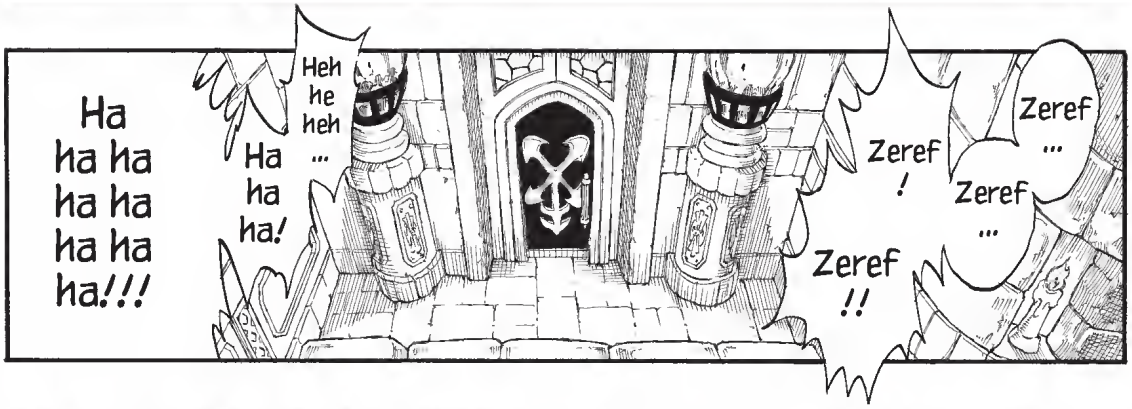


"Love" and "hate" are weighty subjects. I have no right to lecture.
I shouldn't talk.
It's late. Shall we return to the inn?
No.
Did something happen?
...and one girl holds two.
One girl holds ten keys...

All twelve keys are here!!!!
Eclipse will be brought to full functionality !!!!


Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!!
Heh he heh ...
Ha ha ha!
Zeref !
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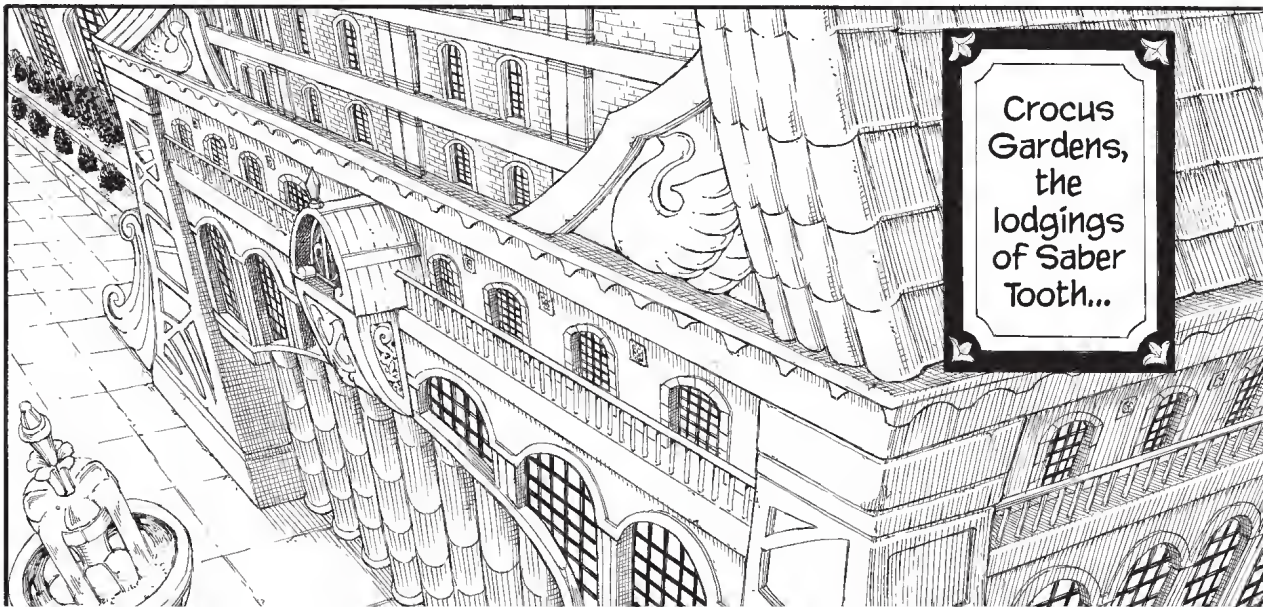
Zeref !!

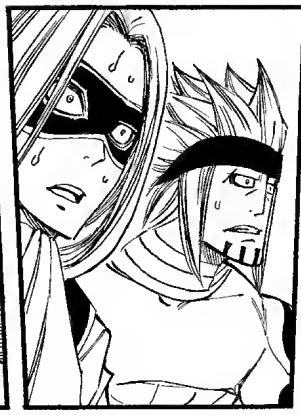

Crocus Gardens, the lodgings of Saber Tooth...

What was that?
Urm...
GAMPH
ガッ
ば
ドカーーン
DOKABOOOM
However, I suppose they don't intend to return alive.
I don't know.
Who are they?
TMP
Intruders?! In the inn where all of Saber Tooth's members are staying?!
Lecter, wake up!!
Intruders !!!
KACHIK
ドッ
DOCHAAAAM
Over there!

BOOOOOM
Where is your master?!!!

So you're the master?
CHUNK
CHUNK
You have some business with me, brat?
CLAMOR

So the same applies to you...
SLAKK


Huh?

You expel somebody after just one loss?
Gotta be pretty fired up to do that!
CHUNK
CHUNK

If you lose to me, you're closing down your guild!!!!

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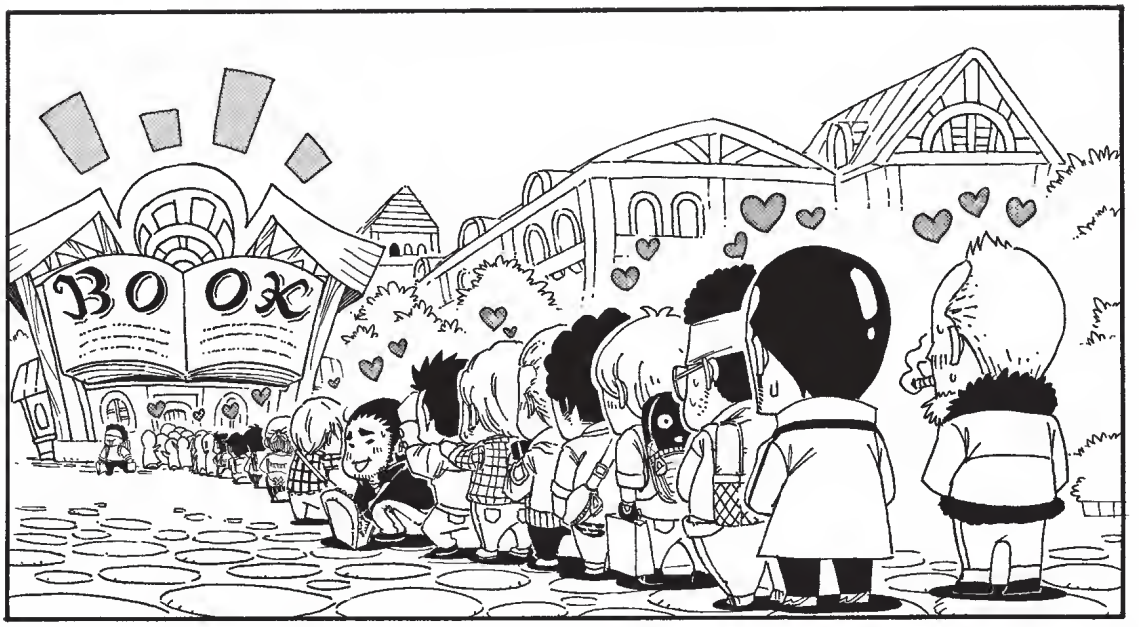
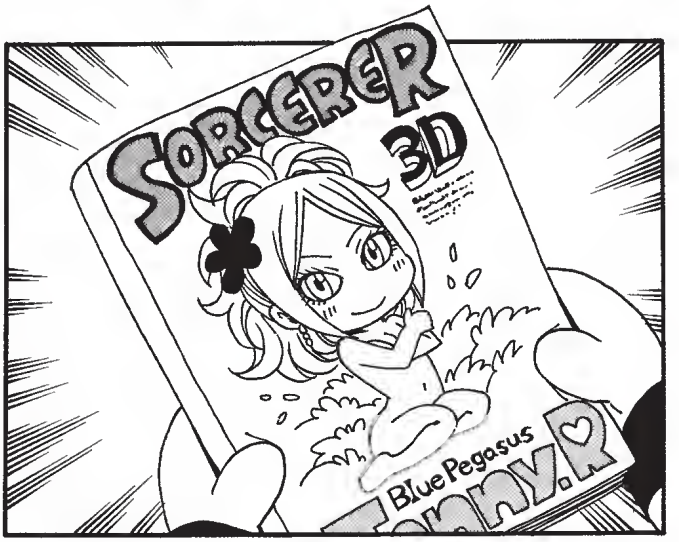

BOOK

BOO!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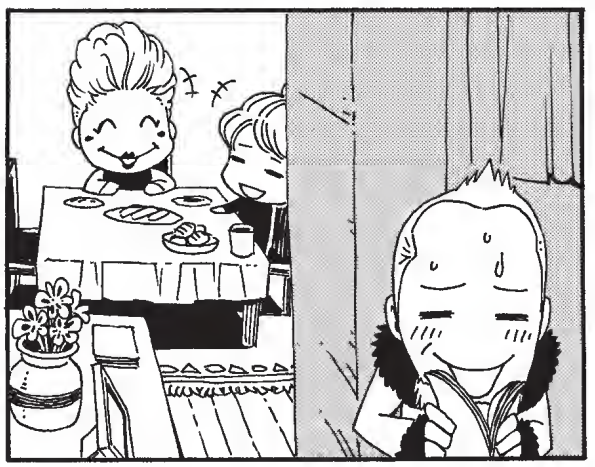

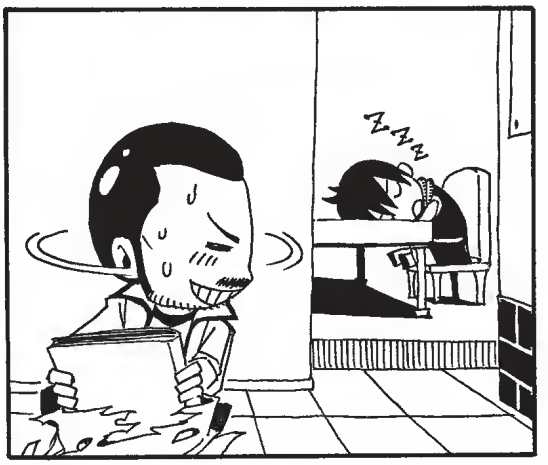

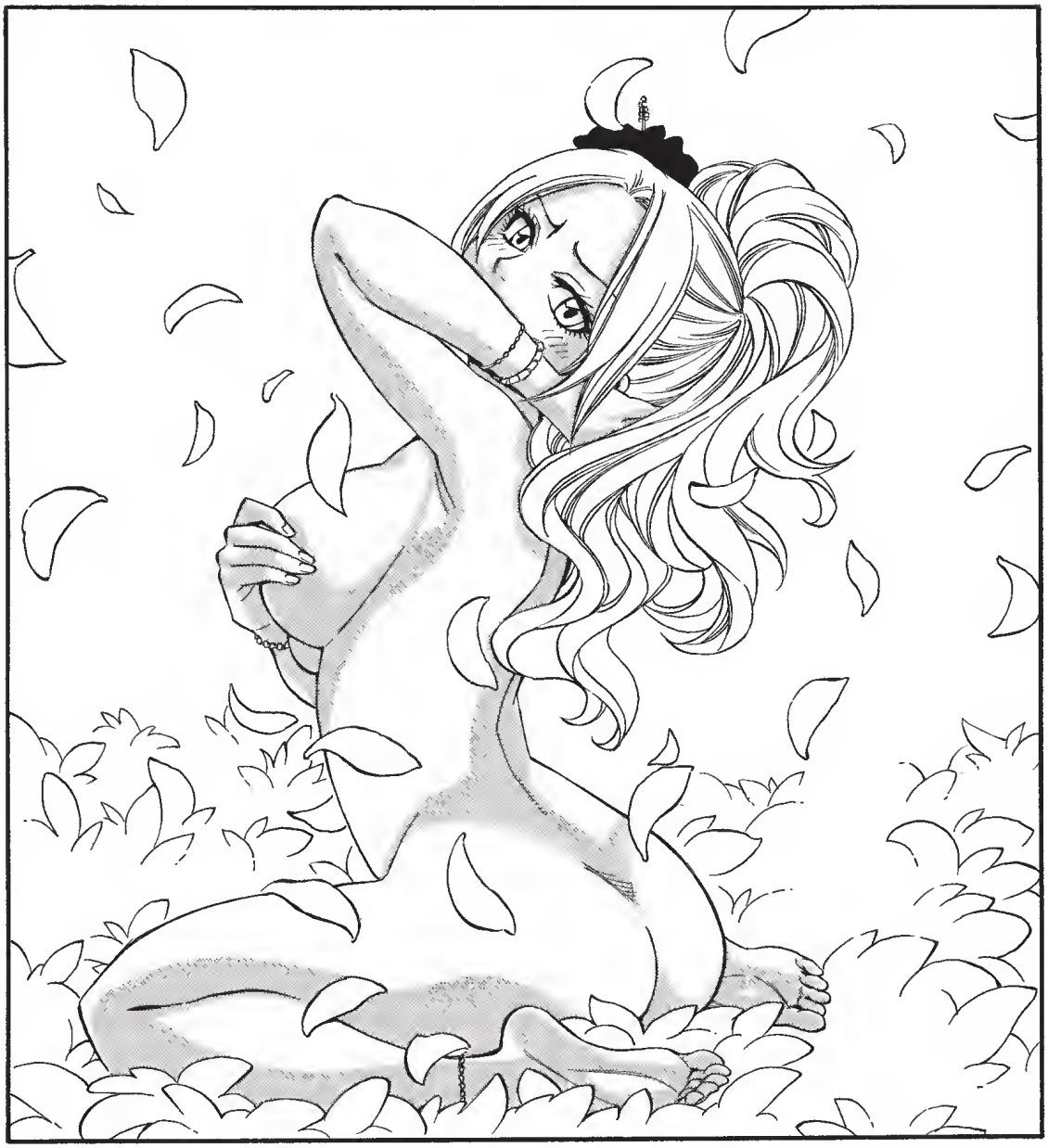

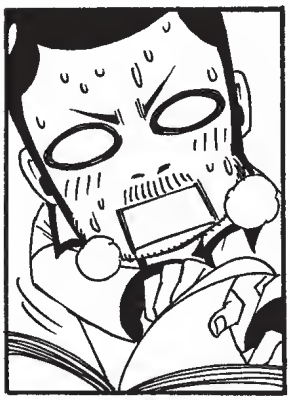

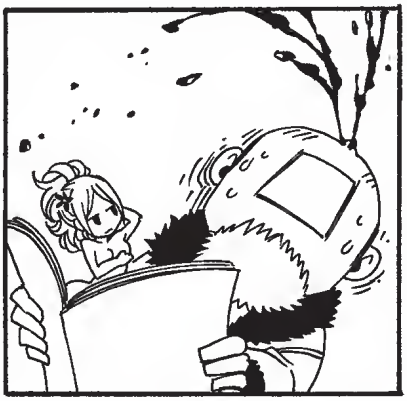

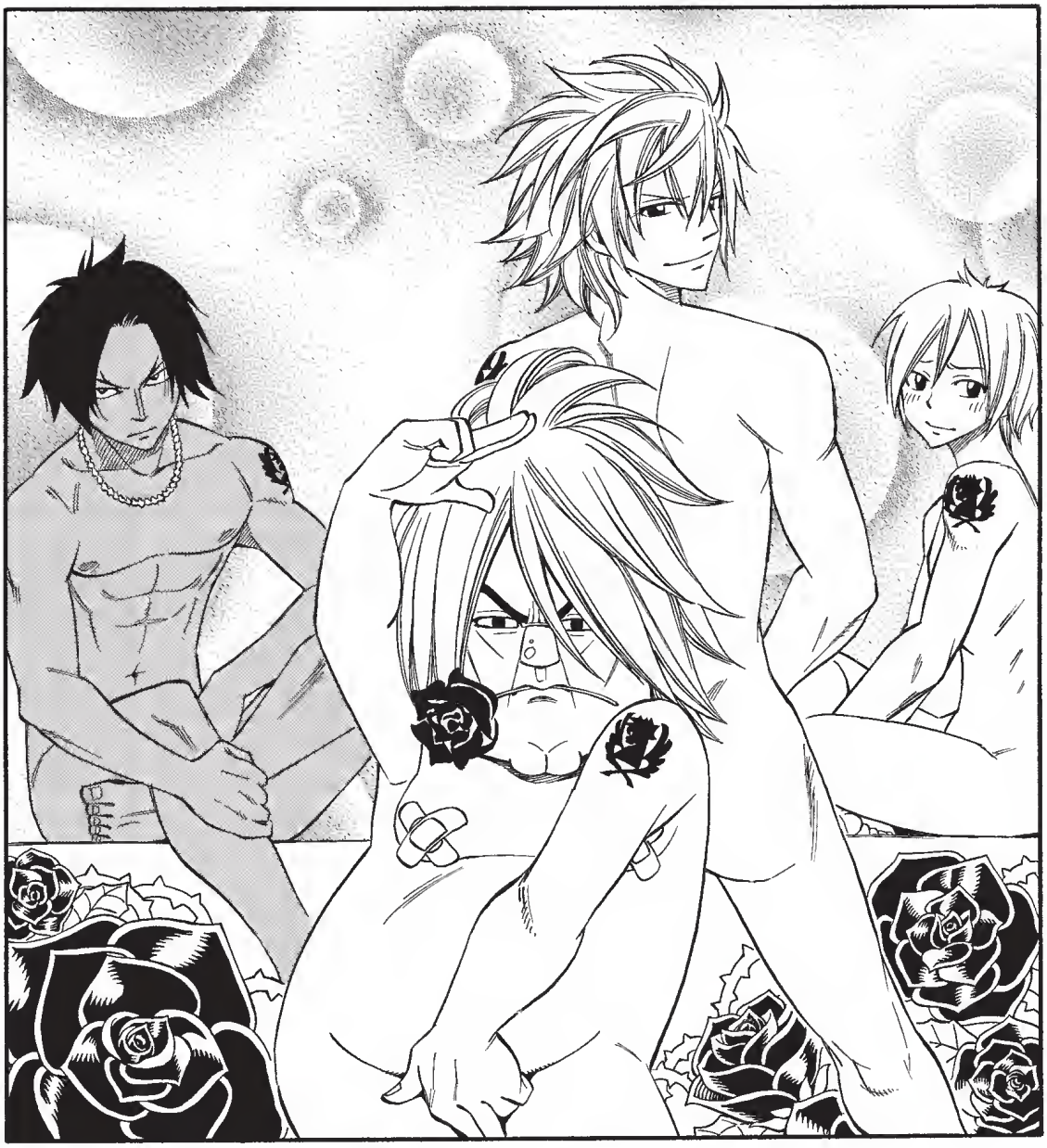

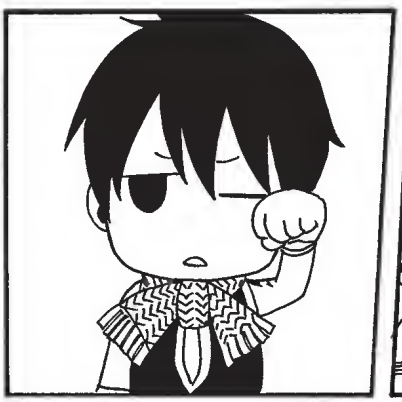

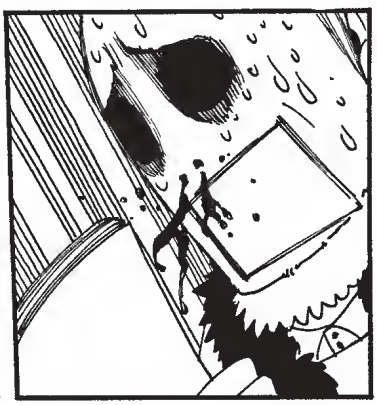

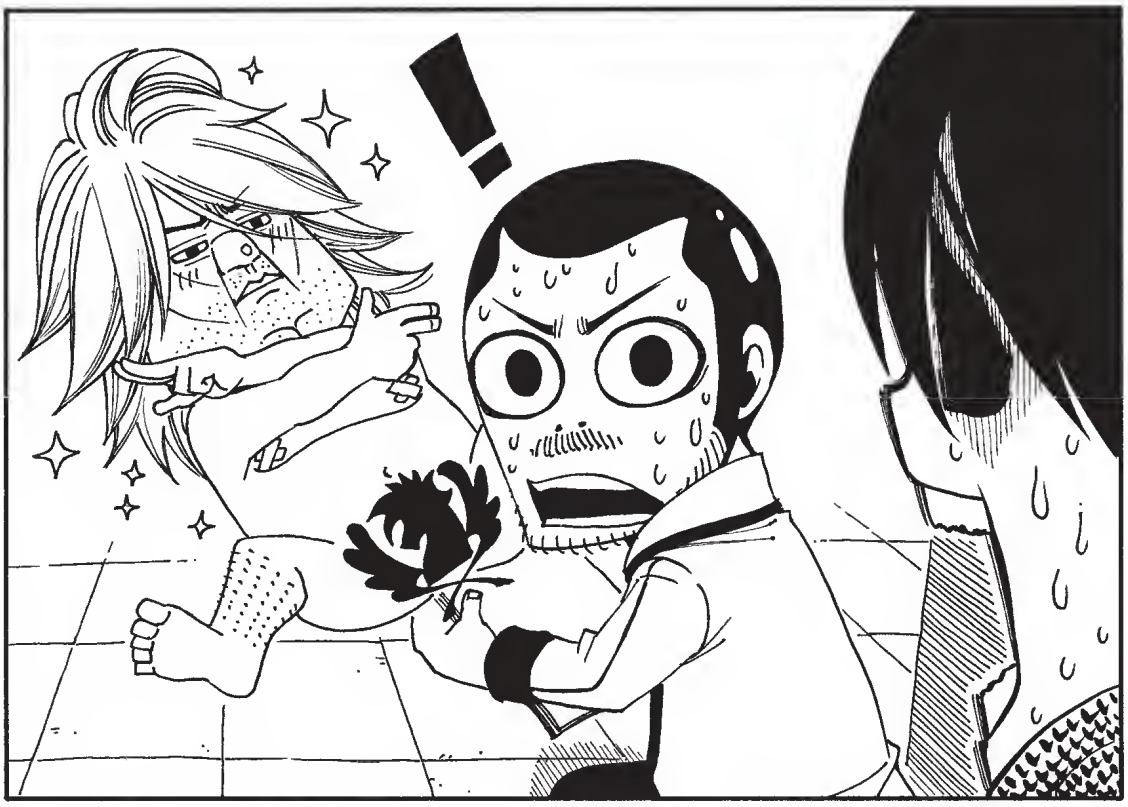

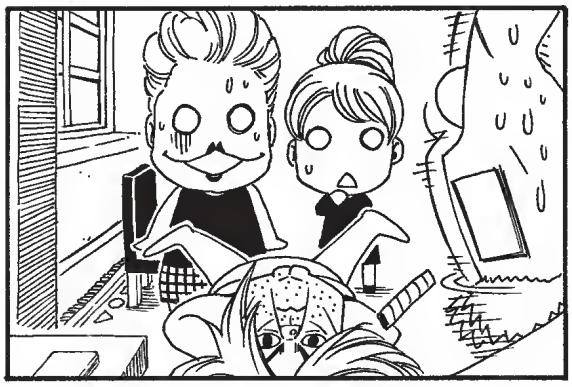

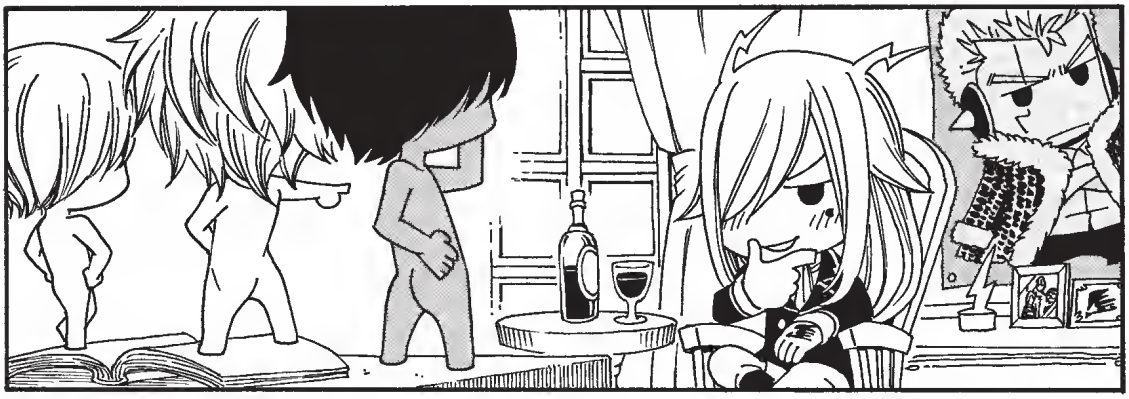

Rejected Splash Page

It was too much of a pain to draw in the background, so I just didn't, and it was rejected.

Afterword
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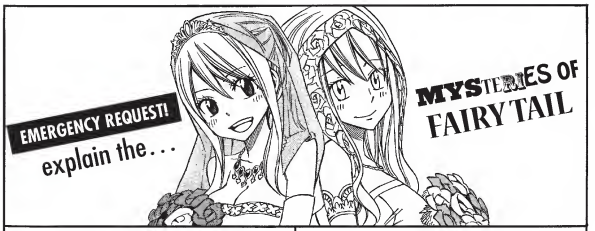
I participated in the recording of Fairy Tail Web's radio show. Hosting were Tetsuya Kakihara-san (who plays Natsu) and Mai Nakahara-san (who plays Juvia), and the guests were Aya Hirano-san (who plays Lucy), Rie Kugimiya-san (who plays Happy) and myself. All sorts of people showed up, so it was really fun! Still, no matter how often it happens, I still get nervous when talking in front of people... After the recording, we were supposed to have a drawing to give away some presents to the fans who were there in attendance, but somehow it turned into a surprise birthday party for me. That seems to happen at times on TV, you know? When someone says, "And before we go on, we'd just like to say that it's X-san's birthday, and we've got a cake prepared!" Then X-san says, "Are you serious? I never suspected a thing!" Only that happened to me for real. Afterwards I heard that the entire cast and staff were in on it, and they prepared everything for me in secret. To have a birthday party that includes the entire staff (all of whom are really very kind and considerate) and the cast and all the fans... I knew this was an official event, and I was supposed to be professional, but I couldn't help but tear up. That's what happiness is, huh? So I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved! And that cake tasted totally awesome!



At Kardia Cathedral...

:Hellooo!!

:Hello, everybody!

Lucy: I was thinking we'd change up what we're always doing a bit.

Mira: That's pretty sudden. Why?

Lucy: You know... Because this time, again, there are a lot of questions about the Grand Magic Games that we can't answer yet.

Mira: You're talking a bit more "real world" than usual, huh?

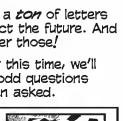
Lucy: Well, under the dust covers of the recent volumes (included as bonus pages in the English version), Mashima had all this awful stuff under there!

:Ah! That original scheme he had for the plot?

Lucy: So there were a ***ton*** of letters trying to predict the future. And we can't answer those!

Mira: Okay, then for this time, we'll do some very odd questions that we've been asked.

If you were to take the people of the guild and think of them as animals, what animals would they be?



Lucy: That's a tough one... But I'm sure Natsu would be a lizard!

Mira: Gray would be a wolf. Erza would be...

:A black panther!

Mira: Elfman would be a gorilla, and Lisanna a kitten.

Lucy: Wendy would be a puppy.

Mira: She ***does*** seem the type to put out her hand when you say, "Shake."

Lucy: By the way, what about me?

:Lucy...hm. You'd be a raccoon.

:Huh?! I think a bunny would be better!

Mira: And for me, it'd be **a sardine.**

:A sardine...

What are Lucy's and Mira's favorite foods?

Lucy: I really love yogurt!!

Mira: Really? I never knew. I thought for sure you'd like fried foods best!

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Lucy: Yeah, well, I can't say I'd turn that stuff down. Fried meats and such.

Mira: And for me, it'd be **a sardine.**

:You're going to use that for every answer, aren't you?

:Just kidding. For me, it's actually kuzumochi. I just love the texture in my mouth! ♡

Could you two describe something interesting that you've experienced recently?

Lucy: "Something interesting"?

Mira: Got anything?

Lucy: I don't know... I can't say if it's interesting or not, but recently I (actually my Daddy) paid my landlord ***5.88 million jewels*** for seven years of back rent.

Mira: For the time we were on Sirius Island?

Lucy: But we disappeared in December of X784 and we returned in March of X791. So I did a bit of calculating, and what I actually owed her was ***5.32 million!***

Mira: Ah! You were overcharged!

Lucy: So when I asked the landlord about it, she said, "I kept your room sparkling clean! Quit sweating the small stuff!!"

Mira: Oh, dear.

Lucy: But after I did some more digging, and it seems that from X786-X790,

the rent on the apartment was raised to ***80 thousand per month!!***

Mira: ... Which means?

:That in reality, the full amount I should have paid was ***5.92 million jewels.*** So I got a bit of a break from the landlord.

:A borderline interesting story, huh?

Lucy: What about you, Mira?

Mira: Me? Well, you know about Alexandria, right?

Lucy: Oh, yeah. That dog with the weird bark!

Mira: Well a little while ago, it went missing in the park.

Lucy: Yeah, yeah?

Mira: And it went away somewhere.

Lucy: Oh?! Okay, and?

Mira: The end.

:What?! What's so interesting about that story?!

Mira: Well, it started out as a stray, right? So I'm sure it found its original owner and is now living with that person happily ever after!♡

Lucy: Urk... How do you come by such an optimistic vision of what happened?

Mira: Either that or it was adopted by a dark guild, became its greatest wizard-dog, and will show up at some point in the future to take us on.

:Optimism and extreme, scary pessimism in the same story.

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▲Yes, Japanese style looks great on Erza. I agree.

Hyogo Prefecture, Mao Furubayashi

▲The Connell family. Asuka is so cute!

Aichi Prefecture, Celery

▲What a bouncy image! Lisanna's so cute!

Shizuoka Prefecture, I Love Dragon Slayers 3

▲This one has a lot of energy that really comes through! Wendy!

Ishikawa Prefecture, Arisa Kojima

▲Jellal still has a lot of work to do in the future too!

Gifu Prefecture, Yiki Minakami

▲Mira-san! She had a big part this volume!

Okinawa Prefecture, Orange

▲Nice composition on this! I like how they're bumping the backs of their hands.

Mie Prefecture, Mei Nakazawa

▲There's lot of art coming in surrounding the movie. I guess it has a lot of good buzz!

Tokyo, Riu

▲Look at how cute this is! And it's good too!

Osaka, Scofield

▲That's so nostalgic! This is Meruidy from seven years ago, huh?

Aichi Prefecture, Silver

▲When you line them all up like that, it hits you that Macao... Heh heh heh...

Three types of Juvia. Which one do you like best?

Tokyo, Jtom.

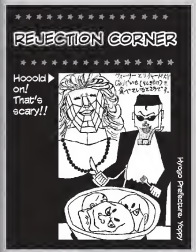
Exceed Combine!! Which cat is your favorite?

Fukushima Prefecture, Nyanko Love

REJECTION CORNER

Hoooold on! That's scary!!

Hyogo Prefecture, Yoppy



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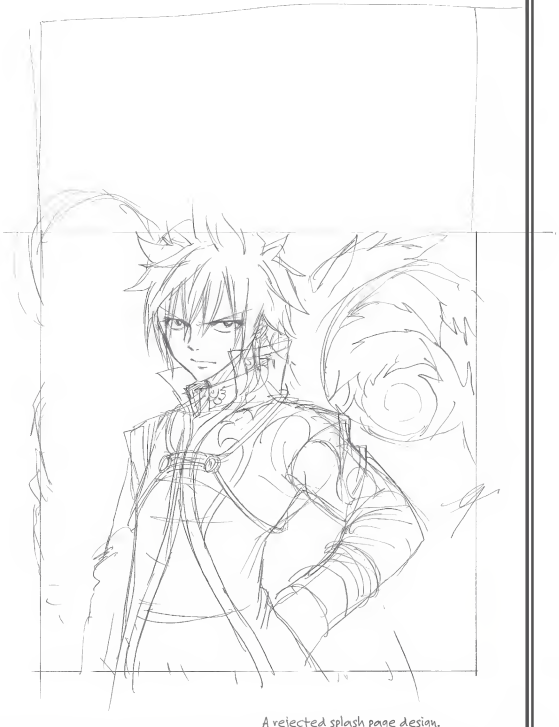

A rejected splash page design.

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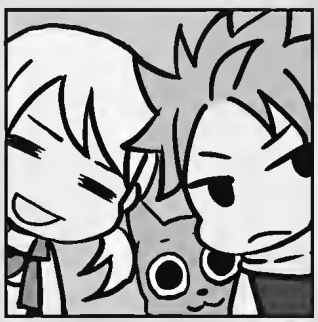

Fairy Tail is going to be a movie!! All right!! Everyone out there who wished for it, it's come true! I think it's going to be a passionate, fun story! We're hard at work on it now, so look forward to it!

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Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 6, Cana's Whisky Bottle

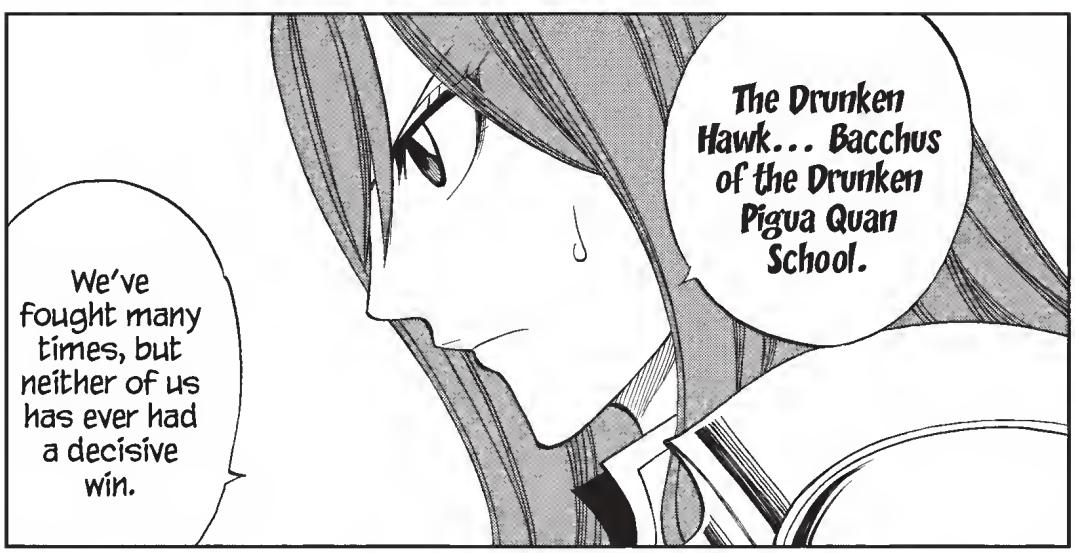
The label of Kana's whiskey bottle has two phrases. The one in large print is *Takama-ga-Hara* ("The Plains of High Heaven") which is the place of the Gods in the Japanese Shinto religion, and the line in small type is *Tenjo Tenge Yuiga Dokuson,* which is the Japanese translation of a quote from the Buddha Sakyamuni, meaning, "In heaven and earth, respect only me."

Page 19, Wild Fwooh

I do not definitively know the origin of this phrase, "Wild," followed by, "Fwoo," but my guess is that it comes from a combination of Japanese comedians. The comedian known as Razor Ramon HG used the, "Fwoo," call often in his early-to-mid 2000s media success, and more recently the comedian Sugi-chan brought the English word, "Wild," back into the Japanese pubic consciousness with his catchphrase, "Wild darou?" ("Wild, right?")

Page 20, Pigua Quan

Bacchus's martial art, Pigua Quan (meaning "hanging chop fist," also called Piguaquan, Pi Kua, Piguazhang, and, in Japanese, *hikasho)* is a real-world martial art that emphasizes palm techniques. It is said to get its power from subtle hip movements and rotation of the arms.



Page 60, Bacchus's Liquor Bottle

The *kanji* on Bacchus's liquor bottle is *Kikokusui.* The first part, *kikoku,* is a word relating to ghosts who cry because they are left on this world and cannot depart to the next one. The final *kanji, sui,* means "drunkenness." It may be a reference to the sake brand "Kikusui," though that *sui* means "water."

Page 105, School Swimsuits

Most of Japanese junior highs and high schools not only have school uniforms, but also uniform swimwear for physical education classes. And like the school uniforms, the school swimsuits have also become fetishized.

Page 132, Gyo

The Pisces fish say *"gyo"* in the first panel of this page, which is appropriate because it is one of the pronunciations of the Japanese *kanji* for fish.

Page 188, Kuzumochi

Kuzumochi is a block of soft *mochi* that is covered in the molasses-like *kuromitsu* and *kinako,* a common soybean flour covering for sweets. Kuzumochi gets its name because unlike most *mochi,* which is made from rice, this is made from the roots of the *kuzu* (kudzu) plant.

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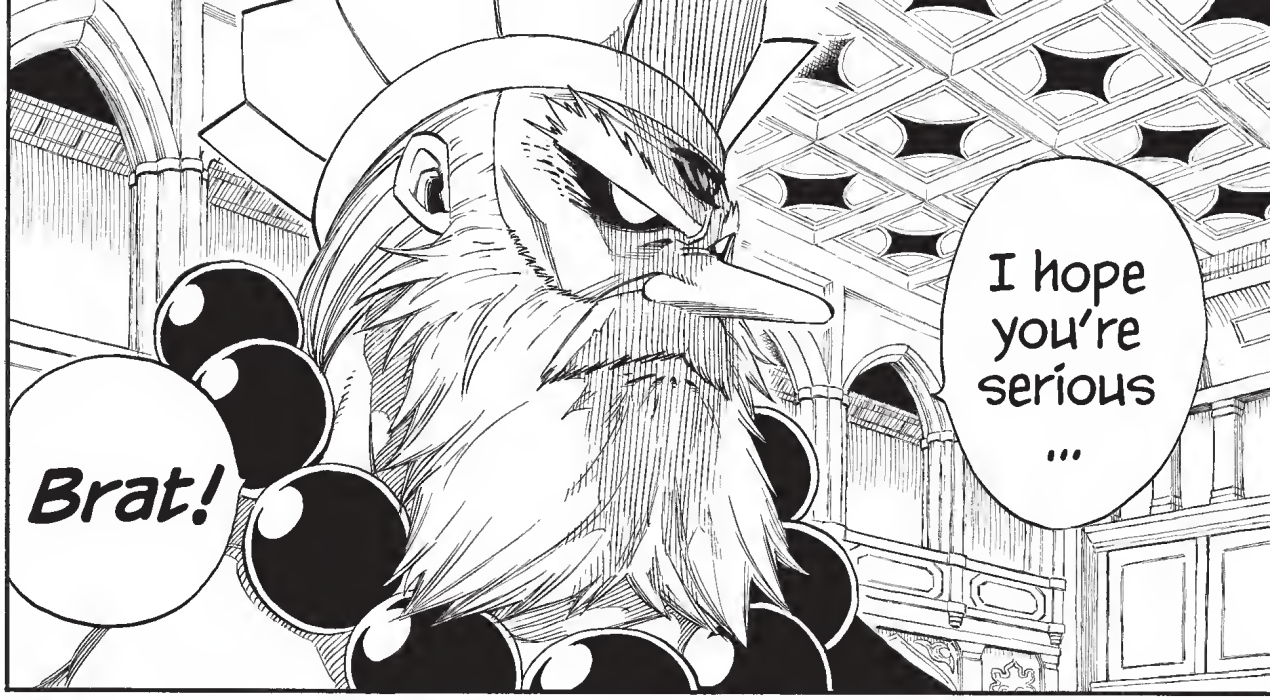
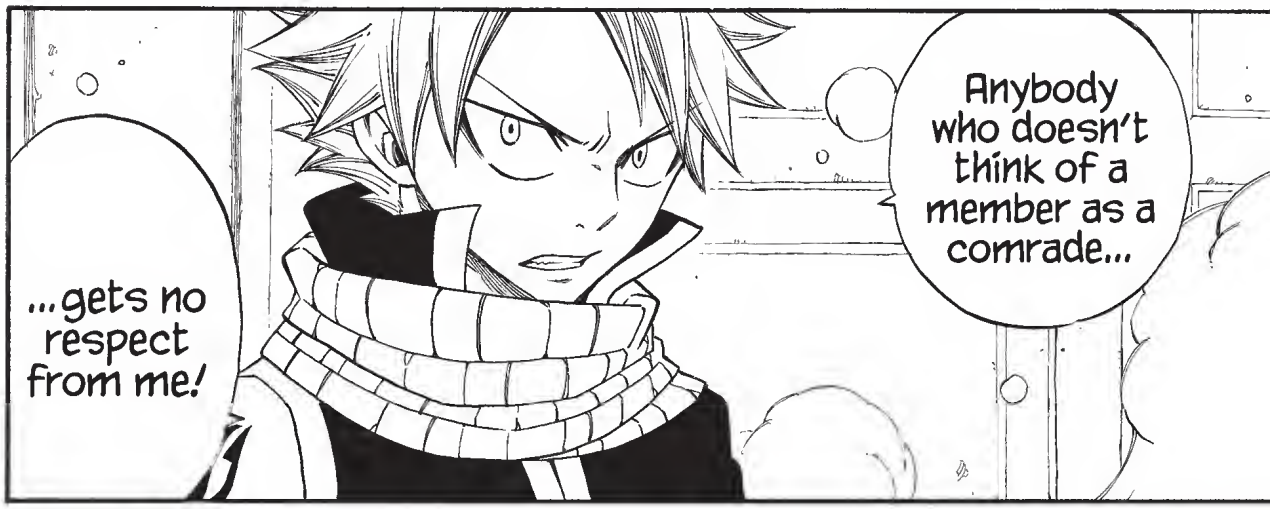
Fro thinks so also.
Is he suicidal?
He came to pick a fight with the master?
...
Natsu ...?
Fairy Tail?


Brat!
I hope you're serious ...


...gets no respect from me!
Anybody who doesn't think of a member as a comrade...

...but I do see that you live according to certain rules of your own.
I don't know what you're talking about...

That doesn't have anything to do with you, right? Do normal people get all worked up about things like that?

Is he talking about Yukino?

You don't know...
...what I'm talkin' about...?!
Dorvengal, deal with this brat.
Yes, sir!
You runnin' away?
Regular guild troops are far beneath *my* notice.
If you plan to attack the highest members of a guild, you should be prepared to show your commitment!

DASH
My fight is with you !!!!
You will never get near the master!
I got...
Out of my w a a a y!!
DWOOSH
HH
ZWUMP

DWAAM
...no business with you !!!!
Uwaah!
He's one of the top ten wizards of our guild!
That was Dorvengal !!!
You're kidding !!!
Master, If you don't mind, I'll...
Stay out of this.
!
We do not have anyone like you, brat.
Inter-esting!

WHAM!!
ALL ?!
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VWOOM!!
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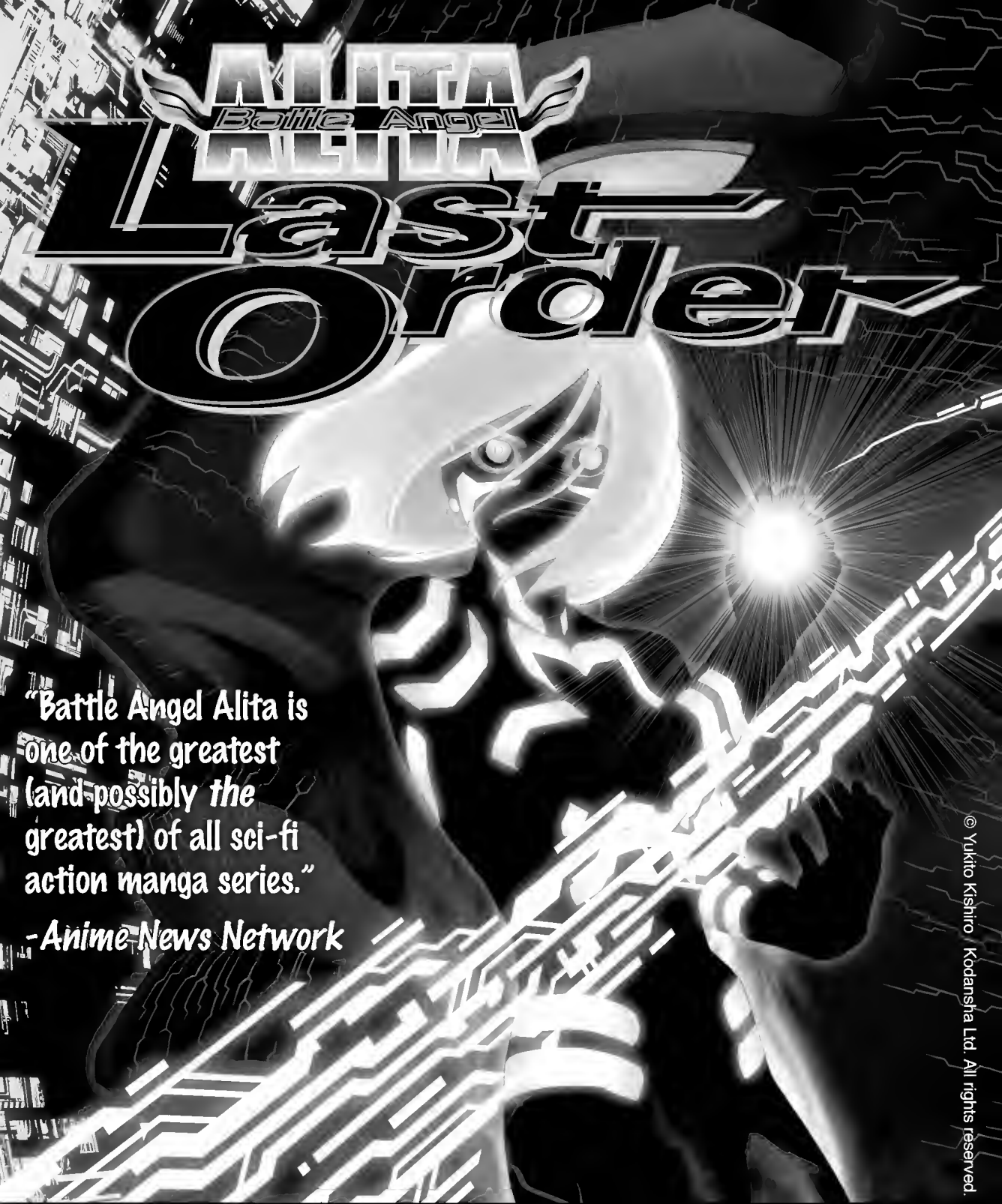

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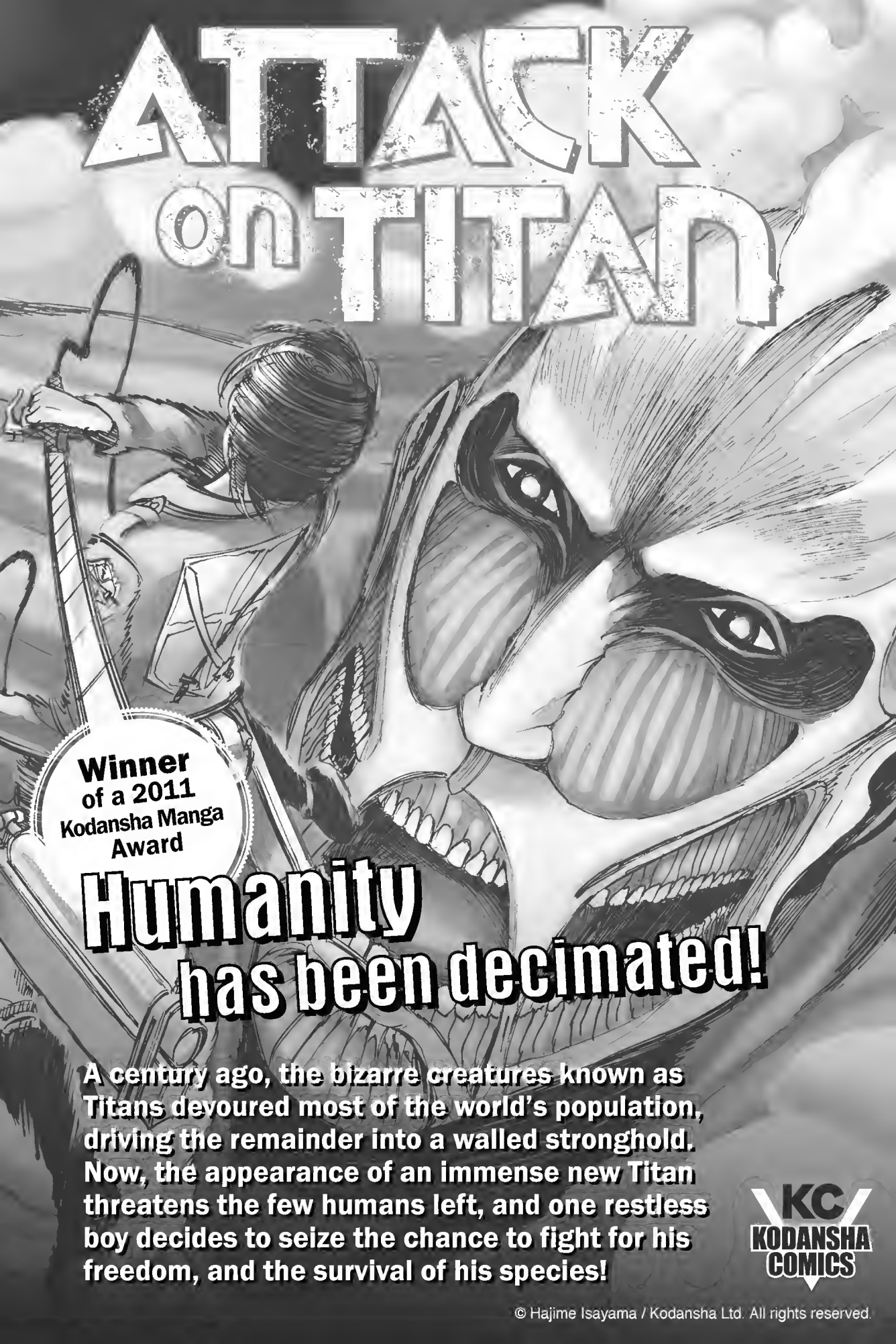

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